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shown any co-operation in projecting the table appearing at page 7927. The minister inquires about the source of the information. This information has been prepared at my request by those who assist the Leader of the Opposition and those who sit with us on this side of the house.

**Mr. Balcer:** Professor Lamontagne.

**Mr. Chevrier:** These are figures which are comparable to the figures tabled by the minister. I believe there is sufficient authority to allow me to request permission to place this table on *Hansard*.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Obviously if the hon. member takes personal responsibility for the calculation he would be entitled to read this table into the record and there is no point in delaying the committee in that respect. But I think the hon. member should tell the committee the assumptions upon which this table has been constructed. This is the whole basis, after all, going to the root of the validity of any such calculation.

**Mr. Chevrier:** The assumptions are all set out in this table. The table sets out in detail what each province receives under the 16-9-50 formula and under the 20-9-50 formula, together with the totals.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** What is the assumption with regard to growth factors?

**Mr. Chevrier:** The assumption in regard to growth factors is the same as that contained in table No. 3.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Does that mean that the hon. gentleman has taken 5 per cent all the way through the period?

**Mr. Chevrier:** In so far as the new system is concerned it deals with equalization on the national average, \$35 million of grants for the Atlantic provinces, and the two special guarantees. So far as the old or present system is concerned it deals with equalization on the basis of the top two provinces and \$25 million for the Atlantic provinces.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** That does not answer my question at all.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** What about the growth factor?

**Mr. Chevrier:** The growth factor is the same as that contained in table No. 3.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** But has it been continued through to arrive at the calculation for the five year period? Was it taken as a flat rate or was it pyramided?

**Mr. Chevrier:** The minister asked me if I would assume responsibility for this table,

and I have said I would. I have been cross-examined at some length on the nature of this table. This is unusual, either in committee or in the house.

**An hon. Member:** Indeed it is.

**Mr. Chevrier:** If there is any objection to having it tabled I shall read the whole thing.

**Mr. Churchill:** There certainly is objection.

**Mr. Chevrier:** However, in order to save time and at the minister's request I do not propose to read the table. I say this is an unusual procedure, because it is the practice to accept material of this kind, particularly if the hon. member who seeks permission to place it on *Hansard* takes responsibility for it.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, the hon. member says he is taking responsibility for it. He said there is no point in taking the time of the committee to read it and that it should be put on the record without being read. If the hon. member accepts responsibility for this document he ought to be able to offer the committee some illumination as to the basis of this table. I have asked for some information. My question refers to an obvious matter. It goes to the whole root of the projection. I have not received an answer to my question. I will not object to the hon. member putting the table on the record, but I do point out that we have not been given information about this table which would enable us to determine its validity, and in the meantime we can accept it only as a speculative exercise on the part of whoever prepared it.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Notwithstanding what the minister has said may I point out that when he put his tables on *Hansard* we did not ask him all these questions.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** That is very different.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, that information is given in the headings of my tables.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Mr. Chairman, I now beg leave to table this hypothetical illustration of provincial revenues over the projected period 1962-63 to 1966-67.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Has the hon. member for Laurier the unanimous consent of the committee to have this table printed as part of his speech at this point in *Hansard*?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speakman:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, surely the hon. member has sufficient experience in this chamber to know he must either identify the source or assume responsibility.