

especially to the fact that all the provinces which will receive less than 50 per cent have now accepted the federal proposal and have indicated their readiness to proceed.

I have before me, honourable senators, a table which sets forth for each province the

per capita amount and the corresponding percentage which the provinces would have received in 1956. Perhaps instead of reading the figures now I could, with the consent of the house, place them on *Hansard*.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Province	Would have received in 1956:				
Newfoundland.....	\$ 8.77	per capita or	72%	of its total	shareable costs
Prince Edward Island.....	\$ 9.27	"	"	65%	" " "
New Brunswick.....	\$ 9.89	"	"	59%	" " "
Nova Scotia.....	\$10.21	"	"	57%	" " "
Quebec.....	\$10.91	"	"	53%	" " "
Manitoba.....	\$11.21	"	"	51%	" " "
Ontario.....	\$11.77	"	"	49%	" " "
Saskatchewan.....	\$12.22	"	"	47%	" " "
Alberta.....	\$12.36	"	"	46%	" " "
British Columbia.....	\$12.84	"	"	45%	" " "

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, it has been said in some places that the federal Government's proposal to the provinces has not been generous. I am quite sure you will agree that the Government has been generous in its proposal if I were to indicate the actual amounts that the Government would have been called upon to provide under this formula in the year 1956, compared with the amounts that the provinces would have had to raise from premiums or other sources. I have the figures here, and with the permission of the house I will place them on *Hansard*.

Hon. Senators: Agreed:

	Federal share		Provincial share	
	Dollars	Per cent	Dollars	Per cent
Nfld.	\$ 3.7 million	72%	\$ 1.5 million	28%
P.E.I. ...	1.0 "	65%	.5 "	35%
N.B.	5.6 "	59%	3.9 "	41%
N.S.	7.1 "	57%	5.4 "	43%
Que.	50.7 "	53%	46.1 "	47%
Ont.	62.6 "	49%	66.5 "	51%
Man.	9.6 "	51%	9.3 "	49%
Sask.	11.1 "	47%	12.5 "	53%
Alta.	13.7 "	46%	15.8 "	54%
B.C.	17.3 "	45%	21.1 "	55%

Hon. Mr. Euler: May I ask the leader a question? Will the provinces pay the whole of the other 50 per cent, or is there any provision for contributions?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: The provinces can raise their 50 per cent by premiums, or by taxation, as they see fit. One stipulation is, however, that the hospital care must be universal.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Do I understand that the 50 per cent will come from the province, and none of it from individuals?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: It will come from the province, and it does not matter how it is collected.

Hon. Mr. Davies: May I ask a question? Who will lay down the regulations as to what coverage a patient will get under particular circumstances? As honourable senators probably know, the regulations of the commercial insurance companies which operate hospital insurance plans have some strange provisions. For instance, if a patient who requires a diagnosis, say for a basic metabolism test that takes only part of a day, wishes to enter the hospital the night before the test is to take place, he is told that no bed is available and he must come in the morning. He enters the hospital on the morning of the test, the doctor attends him, and later in the day he is allowed to go home. In those circumstances the insurance company makes no contribution towards the cost of service because the patient was not in hospital over night.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I am sure that before the Government enters into an agreement with a province the kind of case to which the honourable senator has referred will be provided for. There is provision, as I have already pointed out, whereby when a person goes in for an examination or for diagnosis the Government will pay