

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): How much is paid to the churches for the education of these children? I suppose the department pays the churches for the education of these children?

Mr. HOEY: Yes.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): How much?

Mr. HOEY: \$165 to \$250 per pupil per annum.

Mr. MACNICOL: Per pupil?

Mr. HOEY: Yes. A per capita grant we call it.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): How is it fixed? You say it ranges between certain limits. How is that fixed?

Mr. HOEY: It was fixed a number of years ago by an investigation and a contract was made in the case of each school, the secretary of the Home Mission Board signing for and on behalf of the school authority of the United Church and the deputy superintendent general signing for the department.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): How many years would that be?

Mr. HOEY: I think that was in 1911. I have a copy here.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): And those are the same figures as were fixed at the time of this agreement?

Mr. HOEY: That was basic. The basic rate was set then and has been modified by investigation, by consultation and by negotiation. Reverend—

Mr. MACNICOL: The United Church?

Mr. HOEY: 1911. You will see it there (showing).

Mr. MACNICOL: I would not know.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): In 1941 what was it fixed at? That is what I want to get at.

Mr. HOEY: Of each school? Norway House school at that time would be fixed probably at \$100 per capita; because the cost of living increased during the last war, and they were paid a cost of living bonus then. That later was added to the per capita grant. Just now I should hasten to add that in addition—

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): The cost of living has doubled probably since 1911.

Mr. HOEY: In the last two years we have been paying them an additional \$10 grant; and this year the Minister increased it to \$15, cost of living bonus, in addition to their grant.

Mrs. NIELSEN: When was that done?

Mr. HOEY: It is in this year's estimates.

Mrs. NIELSEN: It is just in this year's estimates?

Mr. HOEY: Yes.

Mrs. NIELSEN: Because I have here a brief, which was submitted by a committee of the churches co-operating with the government in Indian education, of January last year. They mention this question, and they do not seem very well satisfied with it. May I just quote from this brief, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly.

Mrs. NIELSEN: It says here:—

In the days of the depression, cuts were made in the per capita and were progressively restored, the last restoration of 5% being effective January 1, 1939. This restoration did not last very long, and by unilateral action an arbitrary cut in the authorized pupilage was made in May, 1940, retroactive from January 1, 1940, so that no school can be paid for 100% of its attendance but must be content with a payment