

*External Affairs*

Expenditures of the Department of External Affairs totalled \$76 million in 1958-59, an increase of \$16 million over the previous year.

The increase of \$13 million in assistance to other countries was due to increases of \$11 million for the purchase of wheat and flour to be given to India, Pakistan and Ceylon to relieve food shortages and \$2 million for the purchase of flour to be given to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

TABLE 18  
(in millions of dollars)

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	Fiscal year ended March 31		Increase or decrease (-)
	1959 (estimated)	1958	
Assistance to other countries.....	14.5	2.0	12.5
Canada's assessment for membership in international or commonwealth organizations.....	4.1	3.4	0.7
Contributions to international organizations.....	4.8	4.6	0.2
Grant to Colombo plan fund.....	35.0	34.4	0.6
Representation abroad.....	9.7	9.3	0.4
Administration and general.....	8.0	6.5	1.5
	76.1	60.2	15.9

*Finance*

The major items of expenditure for the Department of Finance have been dealt with in previous paragraphs under the headings of "Public debt charges", "Subsidies and tax-sharing payments to provinces" and "Government contribution with respect to the superannuation account".

Other expenditures totalled \$76 million for 1958-59, an increase of \$17 million over the expenditures for 1957-58.

The increase in other expenditures was mainly due to increased payments to the National Conference of Canadian Universities for the purpose of making grants to institutions of higher learning and to higher grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes on federal property.

TABLE 19  
(in millions of dollars)

FINANCE	Fiscal year ended March 31		Increase or decrease (-)
	1959 (estimated)	1958	
Grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes on federal property....	22.1	17.5	4.6
Grants to universities.....	25.6	16.6	9.0
Government contribution as an employer to the unemployment insurance fund.....	0.9	0.8	0.1
Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury—administration expenses.....	18.0	17.5	0.5
Administration and general.....	9.6	6.8	2.8
	76.2	59.2	17.0