

like to see a different allotment set up so that members of the House of Commons know exactly what is being spent in educating the children of service personnel.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I do not think this paragraph 16 precludes us from an examination of all government expenditures for the fiscal year under review.

The CHAIRMAN: That is true; but we have to start some place.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Quite. I want it to be orderly. Mr. Sellar just spoke of education.

The CHAIRMAN: Under the department, yes.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): My question now is: for instance, what is the total telephone bill of the government of Canada for this year—that kind of information—and what is the total travelling bill of the government of Canada for this year.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not want to misinterpret Mr. Sellar, but as I understand it I think he made the statement that there is an item, whether or not it is listed, which amounts to a certain amount, namely \$11 million a year paid for the education of dependents of the armed services.

Mr. BOURGET: Does that amount of \$11 million include the construction of schools?

Mr. SELLAR: There were relatively few schools constructed that year. I think there are 69 or 70 schools operated by the department; but I do not think there is any large expenditure in schools in that year.

Mr. MORTON: Does that amount include contributions to local school boards where there are no national defence institutions?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes.

Mr. MORTON: That is for building purposes, for building schools?

Mr. SELLAR: Again, I do not know whether or not there were any grants in that year.

The CHAIRMAN: I thought that education was a provincial matter.

Mr. SELLAR: There is no clear rule as to the responsibility for the education of the service personnel. We are now, for the first time in our history, having a situation in Canada where we have a large permanent force of soldiers, airmen and naval personnel.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Would you be able to break down that figure of \$11 million as between the amount spent on children of service personnel serving outside of Canada and those serving within Canada?

Mr. SELLAR: There are roughly between 3,000 and 3,500 overseas in France and Germany. The teachers for those are recruited on loan from school boards. It is contract. The government does not employ them; they make contracts with school boards. My recollection is that the cost of educating children overseas is something in the neighbourhood of \$1 million to \$1½ million a year.

Mr. FRASER: Do those teachers have to be transported over to Europe?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes, sir.

Mr. FRASER: That is part of the expense?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Does this amount to free education to those dependents?

Mr. SELLAR: I would say, yes.

Mr. REGIER: May I ask how many dependents are receiving education in this manner?