

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canadian provinces to carry out the recommendation of the royal commission that this grant be apportioned after consultation with the provincial governments, in view of their jurisdiction over educational matters. That correspondence has been in process for several weeks, and I hope we are nearing the point where a preliminary distribution may be made.

I may say we have been considering making a grant that would be perhaps approximately 40 per cent or 50 per cent of what might be expected to be paid, even before we get a final determination as to the exact figures with respect to each province and each institution. We do appreciate that they are anxious to receive this aid, and to make good use of it, as we know they will.

Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask a supplementary question. As I understand it, those payments are to be made direct to the provincial governments, and not direct to the universities.

Mr. St. Laurent: No; if the hon. member will look at the item in the estimates he will see that the grant was one of \$7,100,000 to authorize grants to the universities and institutions providing university education. I am afraid we would have some pretty scorching comment in the report of the Auditor General if we did anything different from what is provided in the terms of the vote authorized by parliament.

Mr. Drew: Then do I understand that the payment will be made as a result of direct applications by the universities to the dominion government, or will this be handled through provincial governments?

Mr. St. Laurent: What has been done up to the present time has been to get, as provided by the vote, advice from the Canadian university council, and on that advice a tabulation has been made and has been communicated to each of the provincial governments, with information as to the advice we have received, and with the request to them for their comments as to whether or not it appears to them to be in order.

[Later]:

INQUIRY AS TO REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AID
TO GENERAL EDUCATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister? Has the government received from the Winnipeg school board, and perhaps from others, a request

that consideration be given to extending federal aid to education generally? Is consideration being given to this question?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I do not know that any such representations have been received. While I have the responsibility as the head of the government I would have to ask my colleagues to join with me in refusing to consider such a request.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

"JOSEPH C. CYR"—DEPORTATION TO THE
UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask one of the parliamentary assistants to the Minister of National Defence for a statement concerning the so-called Surgeon Lieutenant Joseph C. Cyr, who served as surgeon with the Royal Canadian Navy in Korean waters, and has now been discharged and deported to the United States under the name Ferdinand Waldo Demara. I should like to know particularly whether he is really someone else again, and what qualifications he has as a surgeon.

Mr. R. O. Campney (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): The hon. member was good enough to give me notice of his question a short time ago, but in the intervening time I have not had an opportunity to prepare a statement which might clear up the matter. I shall be glad to take his question as notice.

Mr. Graydon: Consult Dr. McCann.

KOREA

INQUIRY AS TO TREATMENT OF RETURNING
VETERANS ON TROOPSHIP "J. P. MARTINEZ"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough West): May I address a question to the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Defence. Has the Department of National Defence investigated the charge appearing in the press of yesterday that Canadian veterans of the Korean war returning to Canada on the troopship *J. P. Martinez* were allowed only two meals a day—very small ones at that—and were also made to paint the ship?

Mr. R. O. Campney (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): I will take the hon. member's question as notice.