Supply—Public Works

Nova Scotia

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

	Amount of Grant
St. Francis Xavier University	\$ 92,409.90
College Sainte-Anne	4,610.25
Dalhousie University (including Maritime College of Pharmacy and University of King's Col-	
lege)	110,850.90
Maritime School of Social Work	1,468.45
Mount Saint Vincent College	20,763.20
Nova Scotia Technical College	19,158.15
Pine Hill Divinity Hall	3,722.35
Sacred Heart Convent	478.10
St. Mary's University	22,709.75
Nova Scotia Agricultural College	5,566.45
Acadia University	52,078.75
Holy Heart Seminary	7,683.75
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Prince Edward Island

Prince of Wales College \$ 16,615.80 St. Dunstan's College 37,384.20

\$ 54,000.00

Newfoundland

Memorial University of Newfoundland\$206,000.00

Summary of distribution of grants to Universities in fiscal year 1955-56

Province	Amount of Grant	Number of eligible students	Grant per eligible student
Newfoundland	206,000	576	357.64
Prince Edward Is-	of Phine		h the same
land	54,000	260	207 - 69
Nova Scotia	341,500	4,224	80.85
New Brunswick	279,000	2,483	112.36
Ontario	2,591,500	18,801	137.84
Manitoba	424,500	4,180	101.55
Saskatchewan	444,500	2,925	151.97
Alberta	533,000	3,558	149.80
British Columbia	652,500	6,563	99.42
Item agreed to			

133. Canadian association of consumers, \$10,000.

Mr. Monteith: Just one question on items 133 and 134: there was a \$60,000 item last year that was not required this year. May I ask what that was for?

Mr. Harris: That was for the Canadian Olympic association grant of \$60,000, which we made last year.

Item agreed to.

674. Furniture and furnishings for government departments-further amount required, \$150,000.

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman, two or three weeks ago there were indications in the press that the government might have in mind cutting back the public works programs for the present fiscal year to the extent of approximately 20 per cent. Can the parliamentary assistant tell the committee whether or not that is so?

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public Works): Mr. Chairman, we have no intention of cutting back any items that appear in the estimates. It may happen, as the Prime Minister said last week, that some projects may not be carried out on account of lack of material, or lack of labour or high cost. I do not think it is the intention of the department to cut back any projects that we have in the estimates this year.

Mr. Green: No policy has been adopted of deliberately cutting back public works?

Mr. Bourget: No, Mr. Chairman. Item agreed to.

Building construction branch-

Acquisition, construction and improvements of public buildings-

Construction, acquisition, major repairs and improvements of, and plans and sites for, public buildings listed in the details of the estimates, provided that treasury board may increase or decrease the amount within the vote to be expended on individual listed projects-further amounts required-676. Newfoundland, \$1.

Mr. Hansell: Mr. Chairman, I notice that item 676 and items 683 and 684 as well show an appropriation of \$1. I wonder if the minister or his parliamentary assistant could explain to us whether or not the department is going back to a system that was devised by the predecessor of the present Minister of Public Works by which \$1 was shown for a project only in so far as money is not used that has been appropriated for other projects.

I ask this question because the present minister's predecessor used to do that. Parliament therefore would vote \$1 and the project would thus be approved by parliament. The impression left with the people in the locality concerned would be that they were going to have the building but when the next year's estimates came down after the present minister assumed office he discontinued that method and the result was that in his estimates for the following year no appropriation was made for the building which had been approved in the previous session by reason of the \$1 This caused some disturbance and dissatisfaction.