ANSWER TO QUESTION

The following answer, deposited with the Clerk of the house, is printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

TAX RENTAL AGREEMENT PAYMENTS

Question No. 275—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. Have any payments been made to any provinces under the 1952 tax rental agreements, during the quarter ending March 31, 1957?
2. If so, what was the amount in each case?
3. What was the total amount actually paid to the government of Prince Edward Island under the 1952 tax rental agreement, during the fiscal year 1956-57?
4. Is any further amount still due to the government of Prince Edward Island under the 1952 agreement?

Answer by: **Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance):**

1. Yes.

2. While no payments are due in the quarter ending March 31, 1957, as some provinces wished to take part at least of any amounts outstanding to revenue in the 1956-57 fiscal year, advance payments on account were made pending the receipt of the certificate of the dominion statistician on which the terminal payments due by April 30, 1957, are required to be based.

These advances were made as of March 31, 1957, as follows:

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Newfoundland	$ 3,000,000
Nova Scotia	5,500,000
New Brunswick	3,600,000
Ontario	42,000,000
Manitoba	5,800,000
Saskatchewan	5,500,000
Alberta	10,300,000
British Columbia	17,500,000
	$93,200,000

3. Prince Edward Island was paid the following quarterly instalments in 1956-57:

June 30, 1956 (including adjustment of $50,450.28 for 1955-56)	$1,091,429.75
September 30, 1956	$1,040,979.47
December 31, 1956	$1,040,979.47

Under the terms of the tax rental agreement no payment is required to be made in the fourth quarter pending recalculation of the payments completed during the life of the agreement. The amount that normally would be due (in this case $1,040,979.47) is in effect increased or decreased by the amount of the final adjustment.

4. This cannot be finally determined pending the receipt of the certificate of the dominion statistician, as required by the agreement. Information available, however, would indicate that no further payment is due the province.