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(c) It was suggested that all matters pertaining to the Vocational Training Coordination Act such as youth training programmes, vocational schools assistance, rehabilitation, education for the unemployed, etc., might be referred for consideration and report to a Parliamentary Committee during the next session. All these programmes undoubtedly achieved some beneficial results. The federal assistance extended during the past few years had made possible the gaining of valuable experience in the operation of these programmes but this did not mean that the Federal government should remain indefinitely in this field. It might now be preferable to leave these matters entirely to the provincial governments. An added consideration was that the federal aid extended in these fields was to some degree in contradiction with the basic principle underlying the tax rental agreements, which was that the payments made by the Federal government under the tax rentals were intended to place the provinces in a position to discharge adequately those functions, such as education, which were under their jurisdiction.

18. The Cabinet noted the report of the Minister of Labour and agreed,-

(a) that the Vocational Schools Assistance agreements and the University Students Assistance agreements be temporarily extended for one year from April 1st, 1955, and be supported by appropriations on the same general scale as at present; and,

(b) that all the programmes undertaken under authority of the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act be referred to a Parliamentary Committee for consideration and report during the next session.

Northwest Territories; transfer of administration of Indian schools to the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

19. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration said his department was administering a number of schools for the education of Indian children in the Northwest Territories where the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources was responsible for the education of all other children, including Eskimos.

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