

carried out in committee of the whole rather than with the Speaker in the chair. He referred to a number of precedents and rules which he suggests should be considered by the Chair. I have also listened to the arguments brought forth by the President of the Privy Council. To give effect to the very reasonable suggestion of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre I will consider this question between now and tomorrow.

I might say that my natural inclination would be to have the debate in the committee of the whole rather than with the Speaker in the chair, but I will not allow this personal consideration to colour my objective judgment.

Shall the motion stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Stand.

On the order; Motions:

December 6, 1968—Mr. Blair (Chairman of the Special committee on procedure of the house):

That the fifth report of the special committee on procedure of the house, presented to the house on Friday, December 6, 1968, be concurred in.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Grenville-Carleton.

**Mr. Blair:** Stand.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I raise the same point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Motion stands.

**CENTENNIAL MEDAL**

TABLING OF LIST OF RECIPIENTS

**Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, if the house gives me leave I should like to table the list of recipients, excluding those nominated by the Canadian armed forces, of the Canadian Centennial medal, 1967.

*Questions*

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the parliamentary secretary leave to table these documents?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**QUESTIONS**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

FEDERAL GRANTS TO PROVINCES

Question No. 289—**Mr. Harding:**

1. What was the total amount paid, or estimated to be paid, by the Government of Canada to the provinces for both unconditional grants and conditional grants for (a) the fiscal year 1967-68 (b) the fiscal year 1968-69?

2. What was the specific or estimated amount paid to each of the provinces by the Government of Canada for each category under the unconditional grants for (a) the fiscal year 1967-68 (b) the fiscal year 1968-69?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):**

1. The total amounts paid, or estimated to be paid, by the government of Canada to the provinces for both unconditional and conditional grants for the fiscal years 1967-68 and 1968-69 are as follows: (a) 1967-68, \$2,258,301,000; (b) 1968-69, \$2,454,057,000.

Not included in these totals is the tax abatement portion of the post-secondary fiscal transfer. In 1967-68, the value of the tax abatement was \$227,613,000. In 1968-69, the value of the tax abatement is estimated at \$252,941,000.

2. The estimated amounts paid to each of the provinces by the government of Canada for each category under the unconditional grants for the fiscal years 1967-68 and 1968-69 are as follows:

(a) for fiscal year 1967-68

	Statutory Subsidies	Share of Income Tax on certain		
		Utilities	Equalization	Stabilization
(in thousands of dollars)				
Newfoundland	9,656	375	67,866	—
Prince Edward Island	657	66	14,102	20
Nova Scotia	2,132	634	77,350	—
New Brunswick	1,745	34	66,469	—
Quebec	4,023	673	249,877	—
Ontario	4,624	1,576	—	—
Manitoba	2,127	276	43,659	—
Saskatchewan	2,155	11	26,733	—
Alberta	2,955	2,866	1,551	—
British Columbia	1,673	169	—	—