

of monthly reimbursement claims, beginning with the month in which the agreement takes effect. Federal authority to make the actual reimbursement payments will, of course, have to await the passage of legislation at the next session of parliament beginning January 10th, 1956.

Yours sincerely,

LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT.

Draft agreement as submitted on December 5, 1955 to all provinces except Nova Scotia:

Memorandum of Agreement Respecting Unemployment Assistance made this 19 day of Between:

The Government of Canada,
hereinafter called "Canada",

Of the First Part

and

The Government of the
Province of
hereinafter called ,

Of the Second Part

Whereas Canada and are desirous of entering into an agreement for the purpose of providing assistance to unemployed persons who are in need, and for the sharing of the costs thereof;

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto hereby covenant and agree each with the other as follows:

1. In this agreement, unless the contrary intention appears,

(a) "province" means the province of

(b) "municipality" means a municipal corporation in the province and includes any city, town or local governmental body established under the authority of the law of the province and authorized to administer assistance to unemployed persons who are in need;

(c) "a recipient of mother's allowance" includes

(i) a dependent child of a person receiving a mother's allowance if such child is within the age group for whom provision is made under the law of the province that provides for the payment of mothers' allowances; and

(ii) the husband of a person receiving a mother's allowance if an allowance is being paid on his behalf under the law of the province that provides for the payment of mothers' allowances.

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(d) "population" means, except in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 13, the most recent estimate of the population of the province made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and published by the Queen's Printer at Ottawa prior to the month to which the reimbursement claim relates;

(e) "homes for special care" means nursing homes, hostels for indigent transients, homes for the aged, poor houses, alms houses and hostel facilities provided for the aged within housing projects constructed under the provisions of the National Housing Act; and

(f) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular,

2. At the first session of Parliament following the execution of this Agreement, Canada shall introduce and recommend the enactment of such legislation as may be required to enable Canada to give effect to this Agreement, and at the first session of the Legislature of the province following the execution of this Agreement shall introduce and recommend the enactment of such legislation as may be required to enable to give effect to this Agreement.

3. shall make all the necessary arrangements for

(a) the receipt, by itself or by municipalities, of applications for assistance from unemployed persons in the province, and

(b) the verification of the representations made by applicants

and the province shall assume responsibility for the correctness of such representations.

4. shall make available to officials of Canada particulars of

(a) the conditions prescribed by or by municipalities under which assistance may be given to persons in need, and

(b) the rates of assistance payable.

5. Length of residence shall not be made a condition for the receipt of assistance if

(a) the applicant has come from a province whose government has entered into an agreement similar to this respecting unemployment assistance, and

(b) such agreement includes a like clause as herein contained in respect of length of residence not being a condition for receipt of assistance.

6. shall deliver to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, at Ottawa, a monthly statement, hereinafter referred to as a reimbursement claim, in such form as Canada may require, indicating, *inter alia*,

(a) the total number of persons who are unemployed and in need in the province, including their dependents, who have received