

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:

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION

Question No. 354—Mr. Starr:

1. Have any provinces requested federal aid for education purposes since 1946?

2. If so, which provinces and with what result?

Answer by: **Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent**
(Prime Minister):

1 and 2. Yes. At the conference of the federal and provincial governments, December 1950, the premier of Manitoba, Douglas Campbell, made a submission stating that the nature and the cost of education had reached the point where substantial contributions were required from the federal treasury. The proceedings of this conference were tabled in the House of Commons on January 29, 1951, and this submission is shown on page 39.

The government of Manitoba also requested some form of federal assistance to education in the speech made by Premier Campbell at the October 3 meeting of the federal-provincial conference, 1955. The proceedings

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of this meeting were tabled in the House of Commons on January 11, 1956, and Premier Campbell's remarks are on page 66.

Also, in the conference of October, 1955, the premier of Prince Edward Island, A. W. Matheson, stated that education today should be no longer a matter of provincial concern and requested conditional grants for education. Premier Matheson's comments are shown on page 80 of the proceedings.

The governments of all provinces except Quebec have made specific requests for the continuation and increase of federal financial aid for technical and vocational training.

The assistance to provincial governments for vocational training has been continued.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A—Department and missions abroad—

92. Departmental administration, \$4,379,430.

93. Passport office administration, \$275,251.

94. Representation abroad—operational—including authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salary rates of high commissioners, ambassadors, ministers plenipotentiary, consuls, secretaries and staff by the governor in council, \$7,210,961.