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It had been urged by all the provincial governments and by the Canadian Vocational Training Advisory Council that this type of assistance be continued as part of the Youth Training Programme.

The Minister said that there appeared to be several possible alternatives. These were,-

(a) to continue the student aid programme for a specified period of years on a fifty-fifty sharing basis with the provinces, which would involve an increase in the amount of the federal contribution to an amount equal to 50 percent of the overall need (in 1953-1954 this would have amounted to \$587,700 as compared with the \$305,200 actually spent);

(b) to continue the programme for a specified period of years on a fifty-fifty basis with the provinces but with a ceiling on the total federal contribution (the ceiling placed on the 1954-55 programme was \$297,000);

(c) to continue the programme as in either (a) or (b) above but on a year to year basis; or

(d) to discontinue federal participation in the programme as of April 1st, 1955.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Joint memorandum, Minister of Finance and Minister of Labour, Nov. 25, 1954-Cab. Doc. 253-54).

17. In the course of discussion the following points emerged:

(a) With regard to the Vocational Schools Assistance agreements, it was pointed out that all the provinces had spent more money to assist vocational training than had the Federal government. In view of the useful results that the current programme had achieved, it was suggested that it would be desirable to continue both the capital assistance and the operational part of the programme for another five-year period at least.

(b) It was argued, on the other hand, that this vocational training programme had been undertaken at the end of World War II for a specific and temporary purpose. This purpose had now been achieved and consideration might be given to the desirability of discontinuing the programme or at least discontinuing the capital assistance feature of the programme.

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