

The teachers are asking that the Government should change its fixed grant to a variable grant, varying in proportion to the contributions of the teachers and beginning at once with a contribution of 50 per cent of the teachers' stoppages. It is much more usual for the Government contribution to be on an equal basis with that of the teachers, and that is the rule in the Province of Ontario.

In Ontario, the teachers' stoppages last year amounted to \$723,185.70, and the contributions from the Province were also \$723,185.70. The interest from the Province was \$35,733.33, and interest from investments and deposits \$697,694.09. It will thus be seen that the Government grant is very large, namely, \$723,185.70 as compared with the Government grant of \$49,000 in the Province of Quebec. It will also be noted that the annual interest is \$697,000, plus \$35,733.33 or a total of \$732,733.33, whereas we get no interest on the accumulated surplus in the Province of Quebec.

In Ontario, the Province also grants the sum of \$4,000 towards administrative expenses. In the Province of Quebec no such grant is made.

The Ontario Teachers' Fund has a reserve of \$14,954,190.64. The Commissioners are not satisfied, as the auditors believe that in addition to this sum of nearly \$15,000,000 there should be an additional sum of nearly \$5,000,000. In other words, the Commissioners calculate that even with a reserve of \$15,000,000 there is an actuarial deficit of \$4,673,000 for the year 1930.

The teachers' stoppages in Ontario are at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, the same as in the Province of Quebec. The benefits are approximately the same, but the Government contributions in Ontario are made on a basis of 100 per cent of the teachers' stoppages.

In the Province of Quebec, it is a matter of grave concern to pensioners, to individual teachers, to teachers' organizations, and to the Pension Commissioners who are the administrators of this Fund, that the deficits should be increasing, and that the surplus is disappearing. Past obligations are being paid by the present stoppages of teachers who will be future beneficiaries. This principle is not sound financially.

By comparison with Ontario, the Government grants in Quebec are quite inadequate. In spite of representations to the Prime Minister no action was taken last year to remedy this situation although the Pension Commissioners knew that the deficit would be greater during the year.