

## Questions

4. Has the federal government provided the provincial governments who have acted upon recommendations that were provincial in character with financial assistance and, if so, what were the recommendations and what was the amount of financial assistance in each instance?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** To date, the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism has published three volumes of its Report. Book III was tabled on December 17, 1969; the Government has not yet taken any position regarding its recommendations.

Book I contained fourteen recommendations, of which two were directed to the federal Government. One of these recommended that English and French be formally declared the official languages of the Parliament of Canada, of the federal courts, of the federal Government and of the federal administration. The other recommended that the federal Parliament adopt a federal Official Languages Act and the Governor in Council appoint a Commissioner of Official Languages charged with ensuring respect for the status of French and English in Canada. Six other recommendations would involve both the federal and provincial Governments, and a further six were addressed essentially to the provinces.

Book II contained 46 recommendations. Of these, twelve were directed to the federal Government but will require federal-provincial co-operation to implement; the other 34 appear to be essentially in the provincial domain.

As the result of passage by Parliament of the Official Languages Act, the federal Government has taken action in respect of the two recommendations of Book I which were addressed to it—with the exception of the appointment of the Commissioner of Official Languages. In accordance with section 19(2) of the Official Languages Act, this appointment will be submitted to Parliament shortly for approval. The federal Government has also accepted the principles underlying the other recommendations of both Books I and II in which it is involved; they are presently under study by all the governments concerned.

To date, the federal Government has made two financial commitments to the provinces regarding these recommendations. The first of these commitments is to pay 50 per cent of the cost of preliminary studies undertaken by the provinces in this field. The second was announced in the House of Com-

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mons by the Secretary of State on November 6, 1969; this statement appears as an Appendix to the *House of Commons Debates* of that day. Under this commitment the federal Government indicated its willingness to co-operate with the provinces in respect to provincial bilingualism programs in the field of education to the order of approximately \$50 million for a full year of operation. Negotiations to this end are presently under way.

## CANADA PENSION PLAN COLLECTIONS AND PAYMENTS

Question No. 751—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What was the total amount collected for the Canada Pension Plan in 1968?
2. How much was paid out in 1968?
3. What was the total amount collected for the Canada Pension Plan since its inception?
4. How much has been loaned to each of the provinces during the total period?
5. What is the total amount credited to the Canada Pension Plan, including all loans as at December 31, 1968?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Contributions—\$686,017,000; Total Revenue—\$765,344,000.

2. \$10,274,000 was paid in benefits for the calendar year 1968.

3. The amount of contributions from the beginning of the plan up to the end of December 1968 is \$1,840,433,000. The total revenue for that period is \$1,962,718,000.

4.	Securities of or Guaranteed by	Investments in dollars \$
	Newfoundland	34,523,000
	P.E.I.	6,435,000
	Nova Scotia	70,170,000
	New Brunswick	53,487,000
	Quebec	3,912,000
	Ontario	1,042,945,000
	Manitoba	108,247,000
	Saskatchewan	82,576,000
	Alberta	164,896,000
	British Columbia	267,942,000
	Gov't of Canada	10,386,000
	All Jurisdictions	<hr/> 1,845,519,000 <hr/>

5. The balance of the Canada Pension Plan Account as of December 31, 1968 was \$1,916,200,993.