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(ii) the balance of \$4,898,500 to be allocated on a matching basis of which one-half would be allocated on the basis of population 15-19 years of age as at the last decennial census, and the other half to be allocated in direct proportion to total population and in inverse ratio to per capita personal income.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, Nov. 29, 1954-Cab. Doc. 259-54).

16. Mr. Gregg added that, under section 4(1)(b) of the Act, assistance was given to young university students between the ages of 16 and 30 who were unable, without such aid, to go to university and who had clearly demonstrated ability and interest in such training. The project was in operation in all provinces on a fifty-fifty basis of contribution, -the federal contribution being subject to the amount of the appropriation by Parliament. The plan formed part of the Youth Training Programme under agreements which would expire on March 31st, 1955.

The amount of assistance to individual students varied from \$25 to \$800 per annum, but in no province did the average assistance per student exceed \$500 per annum. Application for this aid, which was in the form of interest-free loans, or outright grants, as determined by the policy of the province, were considered each year by a committee established by the provincial Departments of Education. The representative of the Federal government on these committees was ordinarily the Regional Director of the Vocational Training Programme.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1939, 35,000 students had received assistance. The total amount of federal payments over the fifteen-year period to March 31st, 1954, equalled \$2,533,000; against this figure, however, there should be applied \$194,567, which represented monies remitted by the provinces to cover the Federal government's share of repayments on student loans. An amount of \$297,000 had been allocated from the 1954-55 Youth Training Vote for this assistance to university students. The majority of the provinces have provided more than the Federal government for this purpose. The following table gave the relative data for 1953-54:

Province	Total Expenditures	Federal Contribution
Newfoundland	\$ 37,000	\$ 13,000
Prince Edward Island	11,050	5,475
Nova Scotia	21,223	10,536
New Brunswick	31,000	15,512
Quebec	469,175	112,371
Ontario	307,991	79,750
Manitoba	42,325	5,927
Saskatchewan	66,200	28,000
Alberta	71,719	8,291
British Columbia	117,771	26,355
	<u>\$1,175,454</u>	<u>\$ 305,217</u>

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