

Finance

The major items of expenditure for the Department of Finance have already been dealt with, in comparative form, under the headings "Public Debt Charges", "Subsidies and Tax Rental Payments to Provinces", "Provision for reserve for possible losses on the ultimate realization of active assets" and "Government's Contribution to the Civil Service Superannuation Account".

In addition, it is estimated that amounts totalling \$30.8 million will be spent in 1952-53 compared with \$29.5 million in 1951-52. The following table presents a comparative summary of these expenditures for the past two fiscal years:

	Fiscal Year Ended March 31		Increase or Decrease(-)
	1953 (Estimated)	1952	
(In millions of dollars)			
Administration expenses—Office of the Comptroller of The Treasury.....	13.4	12.6	0.8
Grants to Universities.....	7.2	7.0	0.2
Grants to Municipalities in lieu of taxes on federal property..	2.7	2.1	0.6
Government's contribution as an employer to the Unemployment Insurance Fund.....	1.1	1.1	—
Federal government's share of claims—Rimouski and Cabano fires.....	0.2	1.2	-1.0
Implementation of guarantees—Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd.....	1.7	1.3	0.4
Departmental administration and general.....	4.5	4.2	0.3
	30.8	29.5	1.3

Mines and Technical Surveys

Expenditures of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys are estimated at \$29.7 million for 1952-53 compared with \$27.8 million for 1951-52. The increase of \$1.9 million is due chiefly to increases of \$1.4 million in the expenses of the Dominion Coal Board and \$1.7 million in general and administration expenditures, offset by a decrease of \$1 million in expenditures under the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance programme.

National Health and Welfare

Family Allowances, Old Age Assistance and Pensions to the Blind constitute the major items of expenditure for the Department of National Health and Welfare and because of their importance in relation to the total government expenditures, they have been dealt with separately under their respective headings in preceding paragraphs. It is estimated that the department's expenditures for all other services will amount to \$55.9 million in 1952-53 as compared with \$45.4 million in 1951-52. General health grants to assist the provinces in hospital construction, the strengthening of general public health services and the control of diseases are estimated at \$31 million, an increase of \$6.7 million compared with \$24.3 million for 1951-52. Administration and general expenses, including Indians' and Eskimos' health services, are estimated at \$24.9 million, an increase of \$3.8 million over the total of \$21.1 million for 1951-52.

National Research Council and Atomic Energy Control Board

The National Research Council expenditures for 1952-53 are estimated at \$16.5 million indicating an increase of \$3.7 million over the total of \$12.8 million for 1951-52. Expenditures of the Atomic Energy Control Board are estimated at \$12.7 million for 1952-53 compared with \$12.3 million in the previous fiscal year.