

Supply—Citizenship and Immigration

ask him now with respect to the provision that is being made for education by way of building Indian schools. It is a large item and I want to put my question in such a form that it will not take much time to answer it. Is it possible to give us a brief outline, of not more than a couple of minutes' duration, of the schools which are

being built and the increased student capacity which is being provided under the vote we are now discussing?

Mr. Harris: I could give the breakdown by provinces of the item under consideration. If the committee would give me permission to do so, I would put it on *Hansard*. It is as follows:

INDIAN EDUCATION—ORDINARY EXPENDITURE
(includes Operation and Maintenance and New Construction)
1953-54

Province	Day schools	Residential schools	General	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Nova Scotia.....	74,242 51	60,090 73		134,333 24
Prince Edward Island.....	12,837 06			12,837 06
New Brunswick.....	58,568 35			58,568 35
Quebec.....	434,153 23	279,790 10		713,943 33
Ontario.....	588,509 54	785,959 25		1,374,468 79
Manitoba.....	459,922 22	806,072 95		1,265,995 17
Saskatchewan.....	363,449 89	669,292 58		1,032,742 47
Alberta.....	279,837 37	898,711 35		1,178,548 72
British Columbia.....	587,457 88	1,671,942 16		2,259,400 04
British Columbia—Technical education.....			9,906 65	9,906 65
Northwest Territories.....	115,588 65	109,056 15		224,644 80
Yukon.....	30,703 46	731,698 57		762,402 03
Education of Indian children in non-Indian and joint schools.....			468,960 13	468,960 13
Salaries and travel.....			97,866 08	97,866 08
School books and stationery.....	204,878 69	67,552 52		272,431 21
Miscellaneous.....	10,375 02	192 71	10,145 06	20,712 79
Grand Total.....	3,220,523 87	6,080,359 07	586,877 92	9,887,760 86

Mr. Fulton: I am more particularly interested in the actual number of students accommodated than I am in the number of dollars being spent on schools.

Mr. Harris: This is based on the present day. Enrolment increased by 3,200 last year. We are almost keeping pace now. The backlog of, I think it was, 8,000 Indian children without school accommodation four years ago is now down to about 2,500.

Mr. Fulton: How many do you expect to accommodate this year with this item? If the minister cannot give me that information now, perhaps he could send it to me later.

Mr. Harris: This year we hope to construct 69 classrooms.

Mr. Barnett: I should like to ask the minister whether the breakdown, which he has indicated he is tabling, indicates the items of the various expenditures within the provinces?

Mr. Harris: No; it does not. However, I could give that information to my hon. friend. What he wants is with respect to British Columbia, I suppose.

Mr. Barnett: The minister is putting that information on the record?

Mr. Harris: No. I will write to my hon. friend.

Item agreed to.

National Gallery of Canada—
75. Administration, operation and maintenance, including industrial design division, \$252,185.

Mr. Hamilton: Has the minister any reason to believe that any of the paintings purchased by the national gallery have subsequently been found to be other than as originally represented or, in other words, to be forgeries in any way?

Mr. Harris: No.

Mr. Nesbitt: I have one brief question, this being the last item. Has the minister considered the possibility of extending the service in the department of immigration? I know that the people here are very busy. There must be a great many requests from people trying to get information as to people who came to Canada some years ago, with reference to getting old age pension. It has been my experience—and I think it has been