

## POSITION OF VOTE AT DECEMBER 31, 1956

Funds available April 1, 1956—		
Balance from 1955-56 Vote.....	\$ 546,000	
Voted for 1956-57.....	15,500,000	\$ 16,046,000
Expenditures April 1 to December 31, 1956.....		13,188,000
Balance available at January 1, 1957.....		\$ 2,858,000
Average monthly expenditures, April to December—\$1,465,000		
Estimated expenditures in remaining months—		
January.....	\$ 1,600,000	
February.....	1,400,000	
March.....	1,600,000	
April.....	258,000	
		4,858,000
Less balance available January 1.....		2,858,000
Estimated shortage in Vote.....		\$ 2,000,000

**Hon. Mr. Crerar:** Are we going to discuss each item as we go along?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** It might be as well if I explained each item briefly, and then we could discuss any or all of the items when I have concluded.

The next is Vote No. 539, for the Immigration Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and the amount is \$9 million. This item provides for advances to the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration for the cost of transportation and other assistance with respect to Hungarian refugees coming to Canada, and to the provinces for the cost of caring for such refugees. Honourable senators will recall that we approved in principle the suggestion that we should welcome to Canada as many of these valiant people as possible. The increase in the number of immigrants from Hungary necessitates this vote.

Vote No. 540, for the Department of Finance, is a result of the increased allowance to municipalities for taxation on Government property. Honourable senators will recall that in 1955 Parliament widened the scope in which payments are made to municipalities in lieu of taxes on Government-owned properties in municipalities. However, in the appropriation bills passed last year consideration was not given to the fact that the Government rents a number of properties on which it pays taxes, and it is now necessary to increase the grants to certain municipalities by \$2,024,000.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Would the honourable Leader of the Government be good enough to give us the breakdown of payments to those municipalities, which according to the bill are Winnipeg, St. James, Edmonton and Vancouver?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** With my honourable friend's permission, may I put that information on the record?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I should like to have a brief explanation as well.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** The information I have at hand is as follows:

Ottawa, Ont. ....	\$650,000
North York, Ont. ....	150,000
Hull, Quebec .....	250,000
Halifax, N.S. ....	150,000
Special authority with respect to Winnipeg, St. James, Edmonton and Vancouver where certain federal prop- erties are on leased lands .....	197,000
Calgary .....	50,000
Various other centres in smaller amounts .....	577,000
	\$2,024,000

**Hon. Mr. Quinn:** Is that amount of \$150,000 authorized for the city of Halifax or for the municipality of Halifax?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** I should think it would be for the city of Halifax.

Vote No. 541, also for the Department of Finance, makes further provision for university grants. Honourable senators will recall that from 1950 onwards the federal Government has given aid to universities by way of grants at the rate of 50 cents per capita of the total provincial population. This vote will increase the grant to \$1 per capita of the provincial population and will put it on an annual basis. It will be observed that the bill provides that the amount appropriated under Vote 132 of Appropriation Act No. 6 of last year is to be applied to the purposes of this vote. The total amount of this vote is \$7,986,000.

The next item in the bill, Vote No. 542, for the Department of National Health and Welfare, would cover immigration medical