

Supply—Labour

Newfoundland	\$6,973.86
Prince Edward Island	1,960.09
Nova Scotia	9,238.65
New Brunswick	11,060.43
Ontario	17,227.41
Manitoba	8,172.61
Saskatchewan	14,017.40
Alberta	3,182.97
British Columbia	3,323.65
Total	\$80,157.07

Mr. Roberge: I know that Quebec does not receive anything. Can the minister tell us whether Quebec has ever participated in that program?

Mr. Starr: No. Quebec has not signed the agreement.

Mr. Roberge: Never?

Mr. Starr: It never did.

Item agreed to.

Vocational training co-ordination—

170. To carry out the purposes of the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act and agreements made thereunder; to authorize the Minister of Labour to enter into agreements with any province on terms approved by the governor in council to provide financial assistance to vocational and technical schools and training under youth training projects and to provide for the expenditures thereunder and under vocational training agreements entered into in previous years, including authority, notwithstanding section 30 of the Financial Administration Act, to make commitments for the current fiscal year not to exceed a total amount of \$9,825,700—Payments to the provinces, \$9,525,700.

Mr. Denis: What is the amount of money paid to the province of Quebec under this item? Has Quebec received any money under this item? If so, when? What is the total number of persons who have benefited under this item?

Mr. Starr: The year 1953-54 was the last year in which Quebec participated in the vocational training agreements.

Mr. Herridge: Can the minister tell the committee the amount paid to the province of British Columbia under this item?

Mr. Starr: The amount was \$972,717.34.

Mr. Denis: Can the minister tell us the number of persons who benefited under this item? In the details, for instance, we find such headings as training for primary industries and in home-making, foremanship supervisory training and training of unemployed workers. Of course, the minister must have the number of persons who have benefited.

Mr. Starr: There was a total enrolment of 25,670.

Mr. Pascoe: The item reads in part:

—to authorize the Minister of Labour to enter into agreements with any province . . . to provide financial assistance to vocational and technical schools—

There is in Moose Jaw a technical school built by the provincial government. Can the minister say whether the federal government is helping out in the construction of that technical school; if so, how much is the contribution?

Mr. Starr: Yes. We contribute to it to the extent of about \$1,700,000.

Item agreed to.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 8 p.m.

Unemployment Insurance Commission—

172. Administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act, including expenditures incurred in connection with other duties and responsibilities assumed and carried out as required by the governor in council on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour in accordance with section 4 of the act, \$35,179,000.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I should like to ask the Minister of Labour if he could bring us up to date with regard to the advisory committee set up under the Unemployment Insurance Act. As the committee knows, three representatives of labour on that committee resigned over an appointment made by the government to fill a vacancy which arose on the unemployment insurance commission. When Mr. Tallon retired, Mr. MacArthur was appointed by the government. The representatives of labour resigned because it was felt that there had been a failure on the part of the government to comply with the provisions for consultations contained in the act. Accordingly, three of the labour representatives resigned—Mr. George Burt of the United automobile workers, Mr. Marchand of the Catholic syndicates and Mr. Andreas who, I believe, was the representative on the advisory committee of the Canadian Labour Congress.

I should like to ask the minister if he has taken any steps to meet with the labour representatives I have mentioned with a view to their resuming their functions on that committee and whether, if he has taken such steps, they have agreed to return. If not, will the minister tell us whether he has taken any action whatsoever with regard to them and, if the answer is in the negative as I gathered the other day it will be, what steps has he taken to fill the vacant position on the advisory committee. I am sure the minister will appreciate the importance of the