

Federal Government has authorized this type of training and its adoption is optional with each province. The principle of pre-employment class training has been accepted by all provinces with which there is an agreement, except Saskatchewan.

The amounts spent by the Department of Labour under the Apprenticeship Agreements are shown in Table 22 on p. 701.

Training of Unemployed Persons.—Agreements completed in 1945 between the Federal Government and certain provinces provided for the training or retraining of workers who had been released from employment. Under these agreements, the Federal Government undertook to pay approximately 75 p.c. of the costs of training workers selected by representatives of the Provincial Governments and the National Employment Service.

An amendment to the Canadian Vocational Training Co-ordination Act in 1948 expanded the provisions for the training of unemployed persons so that those who were not in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit would be eligible. As a result greater authority and responsibility were given to the provinces in the selection of trainees, the decision in regard to starting classes, and the operation of such classes. The approved costs under the new arrangement were shared equally between the provinces and the Federal Government, with each province recommending to the Minister of Labour the scale of training allowances that should be paid.

Although the schedule covering the training of unemployed persons was accepted by all provinces, training was not carried out in Prince Edward Island, Quebec or Ontario, where it was considered that the necessity for it had not developed.

The fact that employment remained at a high level throughout 1948 resulted in rather slow development of the training for unemployed persons. At Mar. 31, 1949, 190 persons were training under this schedule in Nova Scotia, 82 in New Brunswick, 123 in Manitoba, 53 in Saskatchewan, 106 in Alberta, and 10 in British Columbia, making a total of 564.

Federal expenditures for this type of training during the fiscal year 1948-49 amounted to \$165,849.

Vocational Training at the Secondary School Level.—Ten-year agreements have been completed with all provinces, covering federal assistance for vocational training at the secondary school level. Each province is given an annual outright grant of \$10,000. In addition, \$1,910,000 is allotted each year among the provinces in proportion to the number of young persons in each province who are in the age group 15 to 19 years. The agreements provide for a further contribution of \$10,000,000 to be allotted on the same basis, and to be available, up to Mar. 31, 1952, for capital expenditures on approved projects for buildings and equipment. From the foregoing it will be seen that the total amount of federal money involved in this plan is \$30,000,000. With the exception of the \$10,000 outright grant to each province each year, Provincial Governments must contribute amounts equal to the contributions of the Federal Government.

The Vocational Schools' Assistance Agreement has been responsible for a great expansion in vocational training. New schools have been built and equipped, and many additions to existing schools have been provided. The Vocational Training Program generally has been improved and made available to a much larger proportion of the youth of the country. As examples, new technical