

Section 6.—Vocational Training*

The Federal Department of Labour, under the authorization of the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act 1942, co-operates with the provinces in promoting and developing vocational training in Canada by sharing with the provincial governments the costs of establishing and operating various types of schools and training programs designed to fit trainees for employment.

The federal-provincial program under which all classes and training projects are operated is known as 'Canadian Vocational Training'. In conducting this program, the Minister of Labour receives advice and co-operation from the Vocational Training Advisory Council which consists of representatives of provincial governments, employers, organized labour and other bodies concerned with vocational training in Canada. Problems regarding apprenticeship, including federal participation therein, are referred to the Apprenticeship Training Advisory Committee which reports to the Minister through the Council.

The established procedure is to have all training programs operated by or under the supervision of the appropriate provincial authority and to reimburse the provinces for provincial government expenditures in connection with such projects. Where classes or training programs are operated for Federal Government Departments, the Armed Forces, or other federal agencies, the provinces are reimbursed for the full costs. Otherwise they are reimbursed for one-half of such expenditures subject to the limitation of funds voted for such purpose by Parliament.

There are four federal-provincial agreements governing the nature and extent of the sharable expenditures for different types of training: the Vocational Schools' Assistance Agreement, the Apprenticeship Agreement, the Vocational Training Agreement, and the Vocational Correspondence Courses Agreement.

Assistance for Vocational Schools.—Ten year agreements for vocational school assistance were signed by nine provinces in 1945, by Newfoundland in 1950 and the Northwest Territories in 1954. These agreements expired on Mar. 31, 1955 but were renewed for a period of one year pending decision of the Government regarding future policy and procedure with respect to federal grants-in-aid. The original agreements provided a total of \$20,000,000 to be expended over the ten year period for operational expenses of vocational schools of less than university grade and \$10,000,000 for capital assistance in the building and equipping of such schools. Additional funds were provided for Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories. The new one year agreement provides \$2,070,000 for operational costs to be allotted to the provinces on the basis of a \$10,000 outright grant to each, the balance being divided in proportion to the population in the age group from 15 to 19 years inclusive.

Payments to the various provinces and territories during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1955 were as follows:—

<i>Province</i>	<i>Annual Allotment¹</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>Annual Allotment¹</i>
	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	66,600	Saskatchewan.....	165,237
Prince Edward Island.....	25,500	Alberta.....	147,600
Nova Scotia.....	121,003	British Columbia.....	140,700
New Brunswick.....	89,800	Northwest Territories.....	3,366
Quebec.....	638,100		
Ontario.....	597,500		
Manitoba.....	34,116	TOTALS.....	<u>2,029,522</u>

¹ Provinces other than Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories used their full capital allotment.

Apprenticeship Training.—Apprenticeship agreements covering a ten year period commencing Apr. 1, 1944 were signed by all provinces except Quebec and Prince Edward Island. Newfoundland signed an agreement in 1950 for the remainder of the ten year

* More detailed information is given in the annual report, *Canadian Vocational Training Branch*, published as a supplement to the annual report of the Department of Labour.