

period. These agreements have been renewed for a further ten year period expiring on Mar. 31, 1964. They provide for sharing, on a fifty-fifty basis, in provincial government expenditures on the training of indentured apprentices who are registered with the provincial Departments of Labour under the provisions of the apprenticeship Act of each province. Training is provided on the job and in specially organized classes which may be conducted on a full time basis during the day or as part time evening or day classes. As of Mar. 31, 1955 a total of 14,023 apprentices was registered. Federal Government expenditures for this purpose for the year ended Mar. 31, 1955 were as follows:—

<u>Province</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Payment</u>
	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	18,281	Alberta.....	207,937
Nova Scotia.....	54,789	British Columbia.....	55,252
New Brunswick.....	44,427	Northwest Territories.....	799
Ontario.....	312,747		
Manitoba.....	67,902	TOTALS.....	839,014
Saskatchewan.....	76,880		

Vocational Training Courses.—Agreements which provide for sharing with the provinces the costs of various types of training projects, other than those regularly conducted in schools assisted under the provisions of the Vocational Schools' Assistance Agreement, have been in operation since 1939. These agreements were consolidated in 1948 and expired in 1954; they have been renewed for a further five year period, except that the provision for sharing the costs of financial assistance to university students and nurses in training is subject to renewal on a year to year basis. The conditions governing financial assistance to the various types of projects are set forth in schedules attached to and forming part of each agreement. These schedules cover special training classes for members of the Armed Forces, the costs of which are borne entirely by the federal treasury; classes for new employees in defence industries for which the Federal Government pays 75 p.c. of the costs; training programs on an individual or class basis for veterans of the Armed Forces for which the provinces are reimbursed 100 p.c.; and special training programs for employees of Federal Government Departments, the full cost of which is also borne by the federal treasury. In addition the costs of the following types of classes are shared equally between the Federal and Provincial Governments: training for unemployed persons who require such training to fit them for available employment; rehabilitation training for disabled persons; short term classes for young people in rural communities; and training programs for supervisors in industrial establishments. Total expenditure from the federal treasury under these vocational training agreements for the year ended Mar. 31, 1955 was \$869,759.

Correspondence Courses.—Under the provisions of the vocational correspondence courses agreement, the Federal Government shares equally with the Provincial Governments in the costs of printing and preparing correspondence courses. These courses, of which there are approximately 100, must be approved by a committee consisting of the provincial officials in charge of correspondence instruction. They are made available to students anywhere in Canada on the same terms as for students in the province where the course has been prepared. The sum of \$125,000 was appropriated in 1950 to provide for such expenditures during a five year period. Payments are made to the provinces only on completion of approved courses and the term of the agreements has been extended for another fiscal year to take care of incompleting courses and needed revisions.