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annual costs of research in this institute. The federal government has undertaken to pay for the cost of building the research facilities there. This is an old arrangement between McGill University, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

We have now finalized this agreement. It was agreed long ago to build research facilities for the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. That organization has the sole responsibility for the research carried on there for the pulp and paper industry. The Department of Forestry is not engaged in this field of activity.

There is consultation between the people who are doing the research for the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association—I think it is either in Pointe Claire, or around there, in Montreal—and our people in the Department of Forestry. There is no overlapping in the work carried on by the department and by the research institute.

The hon. member for Comox-Alberni knows that this research institute is preoccupied with pollution. He has received, through my intercession, information as to exactly what they are doing in the field of pollution. They hope to be able to find an economic way of dealing with acids and other polluting material, in order to stop the pollution of our rivers and lakes.

Mr. Herridge: Is that air pollution as well, may I ask?

Mr. Sauvé: I could not tell you. I know that they deal with water pollution. Perhaps the hon. member for Comox-Alberni, who is interested in this, could answer. He has been in touch with the laboratory people.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Chairman, as the minister has pointed out, I did raise some question about this grant on the estimates of the last year which were dealt with not too long ago. I want to use this opportunity of thanking the minister for doing what he told me then he would do, which was to make more detailed information available than had been available in the committee with respect to the activities of this particular institute, and with particular reference to the field of research into pollution control.

I should also like to say that I appreciate the very detailed report which came to me, through the minister's action, from the president of this institute, outlining exactly the

[Mr. Sauvé.]

work that was being done in the field of water pollution control and, to a certain extent, in air pollution control. That work is being undertaken because, in the production of pulp and paper, the industry is an important factor contributing to the pollution of our clean air and clean water.

I had wanted an opportunity of speaking on this subject even before the hon. member for Kootenay West rose to ask his question.

Item agreed to.

10. Freight assistance on western feed grains including assistance in respect of grain storage costs in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the governor in council, \$19,200,000.

Mr. Rapp: Mr. Chairman, under item 10 it is shown that freight assistance is going to be decreased by \$1,800,000 for the coming year. Would the minister explain the reason for this reduction? Is it on account of less feed grain being moved? What is the reason?

● (4:40 p.m.)

Mr. Sauvé: We have been negotiating with the Canadian National Railways a program whereby feed grain can be carried by rail the year round from the lakehead to various points in the maritimes at a cost equivalent to that of water transportation. This accounts for the difference between the amount provided last year and the new amount this year. It will mean a saving for the government, but not a reduction in the quantity of grain transported from the lakehead.

Item agreed to.

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15. Administration, operation and maintenance including grants as detailed in the estimates, \$12,620,000.

Mr. Chatterton: I notice on page 167 an increase in the amount provided for regional research and services. The minister has just been out in British Columbia. Can he tell us whether it is proposed to extend the facilities of the research laboratories in Victoria?

Mr. Sauvé: The reason for the increase is that following the opening of the laboratories last February the number of personnel has increased, with a corresponding increase in the amount needed for salaries for 1966-67 compared with 1965-66.

The other reason for the increase is that we are engaged in a special program to deal with the woolly aphid problem which we are conducting in conjunction with the provincial Department of Lands, Forests and Water