

appropriations are set out in Schedules A, B, C and D. I think it is right and proper that I should give the Senate an explanation of why more than a normal proportion of supply is asked for these items. I say, however, that in no case will the amount exceed eleven-twelfths of any item, so that in no case is a final disposition being made or an item being finally released by this bill.

Schedule A requests accelerated supply as to an item in the estimates of the Department of Public Works, being Vote 70, amounting to \$4 million. Two-twelfths of that amount, being \$666,666.67, is the accelerated payment. This amount is needed to assist in the construction of an ice control structure on the St. Lawrence River, just upriver from the World's Fair site on St. Helen's Island. This structure is to protect the World's Fair site as well as Verdun and Lachine, and will help also in the maintenance of water levels in Montreal harbour.

Hon. Mr. Isnor: Will that be a permanent structure?

Hon. Mr. Leonard: I would hope so. The fact that it is to protect Verdun and Lachine as well as maintain water levels in Montreal harbour would indicate that. I am also inclined to think, subject to what some honourable senators from Montreal have to say, that the World's Fair site on St. Helen's island is likely to be permanent.

The total estimated cost of this ice control structure is \$13,942,000, of which the City of Montreal is to pay \$2,500,000 and the Crown \$11,442,000; so, its total cost is not in these estimates. This payment has been accelerated because the expenditures are heavy in the summer and fall months before the freeze-up.

Schedule B concerns, first, the Department of Fisheries. The additional proportion of this vote is requested, firstly, because of the seasonal nature of the field services provided by that department and, secondly, because a quarterly payment of 25 per cent of Canada's share of the expenses of the International Commission is due on January 1, 1965. These accelerated payments provide for that. There is also an additional proportion required for the capital vote to meet expenditures anticipated before December 31. Adding in these accelerated payments, the total amount that will have been voted after the passage of this bill will be ten-twelfths of this item in respect of the Department of Fisheries.

The next item is under the heading of "Legislation, The Senate," and is made necessary by the length of the present session. I do not think I need say more than that.

The item with respect to the Dominion Coal Board concerns subventions in connection with the movement of eastern coal. As we all understand, shipments of coal are heaviest in the summer and fall months, and it is for that reason that these accelerated payments are needed.

The item for the Post Office is a reflection of the Christmas rush, and it should remind us to get off our Christmas mail and parcels early.

Honourable senators will be particularly interested in the item for the Department of Public Works, Vote 40, because it concerns the new Macdonald-Cartier bridge between Ottawa and Hull. We have all seen it under construction and, remarkably enough, the construction is ahead of schedule and payments are due earlier than expected.

I will explain Schedules C and D together because they deal with the same item, one amount being in the main estimates and the other in the supplementary estimates. These items relate to the widening of the McKay pier for use as the site of various buildings, and as the main transit system approach to the new bridge that will join McKay pier and St. Helen's Island. This work is in connection with the World's Fair. It is anticipated that the widening of this pier will be completed in December, hence the request for acceleration in payment.

That covers the schedules to the bill. They deal with all those cases where accelerated payment is requested. Moving on to clauses 3 and 4, these are the usual provisions in interim supply bills, intended, if I may put it in my own words, to put beyond legal doubt the payments made in interim supply bills, even though the estimates themselves have not been finally passed.

Clause 5 of the bill gives borrowing authority for an additional \$750 million, as may be required, for public works and general purposes. I know you would like an explanation of that. As you probably know, the unused borrowing authorities expire at the end of each fiscal year and a new borrowing authority is given. So far, Appropriation Act No. 1 gave borrowing authority up to \$1 billion for this year. To date, \$430 million of that has been used, and there is still in hand and unused under that borrowing authority \$570 million. However, this is the time of year when the savings bond issue puts a strain on the Government's cash position and when additional borrowing power is required. Therefore, the amount specified in clause 5 is requested, bringing the total borrowing authority up to \$1,750,000,000. This provides an excess or surplus of borrowing power, I understand; but all senators will agree that