

shall have to pay about \$2,500,000 this year. But the provinces may rush the work on at a much faster rate, in which case we will pay our proportion of the expenditure.

Mr. CANNON: How will that \$2,500,000 be distributed among the provinces?

Hon. Mr. REID: I have not got that precise information but it will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Mr. CANNON: Have there been any pressing demands for this money from the different provinces?

Hon. Mr. REID: Every province is taking up its full amount, there is no doubt about that. The provinces are all carrying on work that will use up every dollar they are entitled to under this Act.

Mr. CANNON: Apparently not. Judging by the figures given by the minister a little less than half a million dollars has been expended up to date. This year the minister estimates that his expenditure will amount to \$2,500,000, or a total of about \$3,000,000, so that the requests from the different provinces cannot be very pressing when there is such a small expenditure out of a total of \$20,000,000 at their disposal.

Hon. Mr. REID: I may say to the hon. member that the first year after the Act had gone into effect the provinces had to prepare their plans and locate the works to be constructed. As a result of that the calls for money did not involve a considerable amount. Now these works are going ahead pretty fast, and there is not any doubt at all the provinces will use every dollar to which they are entitled within the period of five years during which the Act is effective.

Mr. CANNON: In the minister's opinion would it not be a very good policy for the Government to cut out this expenditure altogether?

Hon. Mr. REID: Of course the hon. member knows that the policy of Parliament decided the making of these agreements. Under those agreements works have been undertaken that will require every dollar of the money to be granted, and it would be impossible now to cut out these grants.

Mr. CANNON: Does the minister mean that an agreement has been signed between the Federal Government and every province?

Hon. Mr. REID: Yes.

Mr. CANNON: Will the minister say when the agreement with the province of Quebec was signed?

Hon. Mr. REID: We signed agreements for each particular road.

Mr. CANNON: For each particular road?

Hon. Mr. REID: Each province has a layout of the various routes projected, and then as each route is ready it is submitted to our staff for report and approval and, if approved, an agreement is made and signed in which an estimate is given of the total cost of the particular road, of which cost we agree to pay forty per cent.

Mr. CANNON: I understand that, but my information is that the Provincial Government of Quebec refused at first to accept the condition made by the Federal Government. I do not know whether later on an agreement was signed, but if so, I would like to know when, the nature of it, and what new conditions were arranged.

Hon. Mr. REID: We have signed several agreements with the province of Quebec, and so far as I understand there is not any trouble between the two governments at the present time.

Mr. CANNON: When were those agreements signed?

Hon. Mr. REID: Agreements were signed from time to time during last year.

Mr. FORTIER: Has the minister a list of the proposed road construction in the province of Quebec submitted by the Provincial Government to the Federal Government?

Hon. Mr. REID: I have in my hand a plan submitted by the Provincial Government showing the layout of various projected roads and the agreements that we have signed in connection therewith. For instance, it shows the following projects:

No.	Name of Road	Miles
1a.	Montreal-Sherbrooke	85.25
2.	Montreal-Quebec	
3.	Lévis-St. Lambert	177
4.	Caughnawaga-Malone	45.38
5.	Beauce Junction-Sherbrooke	95.58
9.	Montreal-Rouses Point	39.47
10.	Lévis-Sherbrooke	128.18
11.	Montreal-Mont Laurier	140.04
12.	St. Hyacinthe-Chambly	14.72
15.	Victoriaville-St. Angèle	35.
16.	Richmond-St. François du Lac	39.4
14.	Lacolle-Laprairie	34
6.	Lévis-Rivière du Loup-Rimouski	184.45
17.	Hull-Aylmer	6.184