

Mr. HALES: Have they submitted a project which has been refused?

Mr. PATTERSON: I believe so.

Mr. HALES: More than one?

Mr. PATTERSON: Yes, I believe there has been more than one. I can think of possibly two which have been refused; others have been discussed. I think the province observes the fact that it has to be a major project before they come to the federal government under that act.

Mr. HALES: In order to be fair to the provinces, they do carry on their own suggested?

Mr. PATTERSON: I do not recall a project in the Sydenham Valley.

Mr. BOWER: What constitutes a major project?

Mr. PATTERSON: This varies with the provinces; on a formula it has been based on their income tax, the worth of the province. With respect to Ontario, it is in the neighbourhood of a million dollars.

Mr. HALES: In order to be fair to the provinces, they do carry on their own conservation projects without federal aid, do they not?

Mr. PATTERSON: Yes sir.

Mr. HALES: It has to be a major one, as you say.

Mr. PATTERSON: That is correct.

Mr. McCUTCHEON: The million dollars which you referred to, what does that cover? I just was not clear on your answer, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. PATTERSON: The cost of the project.

Mr. McCUTCHEON: Oh! Well, I am told that this Sydenham Valley project is to be about \$3½ million or \$4 million, as high as \$7 million. Surely it would have come to your attention.

Mr. PATTERSON: I do not recall an application coming from the Atlantic the Sydenham Valley.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions on these two votes?

Mr. BOWER: I note there are no projects in eastern Canada or the Atlantic provinces. Is that because they have never asked, or they do not have any major ones, or that everything is all right?

Mr. PATTERSON: I do not recall an application coming from the Atlantic provinces under that act. I believe there have been some inquiries.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions on these items? Shall these votes carry?

Mr. AIKEN: Mr. Chairman, do I understand that regardless of the passage of these estimates, that the minister will be available to answer questions on any of these matters?

The CHAIRMAN: That is quite correct.