

Supply—Public Works

Mr. Garland: Can the minister tell us the amount of direct lending done by the corporation in 1960 and also the amount of mortgage payments received so that we might have an appreciation of the net lending?

Mr. Walker: We will look that up for the hon. member.

Mr. Garland: May we have the number and the dollar value of the foreclosures in 1960 and also the same figures for 1961, up to the latest available date, whatever that might be?

Mr. Walker: We will be glad to supply the information, Mr. Chairman.

(Translation):

Mr. Campeau: Mr. Chairman, first of all, I wish to thank the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker) for the new grant of over a million dollars he has kindly made to the Jeanne Mance housing development in the constituency of St. James. This grant will greatly help the city of Montreal to complete that project which I would say is of prime importance from a social point of view. As a matter of fact, the Jeanne Mance housing development has had remarkable success. All apartments are now occupied and while opposition members offered some criticism, there is now a long list of applications for that development. In fact, hundreds and even thousands of applicants are on the waiting list.

I also want to congratulate all those who contributed to the success of the project, namely the personnel of C.M.H.C., the staff of the Jeanne Mance housing development, and particularly the present manager, Mr. Leopold Roger.

Mr. Chairman, that waiting list of applicants for homes in the Jeanne Mance project shows the urgency of implementing the studies on urban redevelopment made by the city of Montreal, thanks to federal subsidies. In fact, two of those studies have now been completed, one concerning slum clearance and the construction of low rental housing in the eastern part of the city, the other concerning the general slum conditions throughout the city.

I know that the reports on those studies have been produced, and it is urgent, indeed, to implement them, especially with respect to the slum clearance project which is required for the C.B.C. project in Montreal east. The implementation of those reports is urgent, because there is some concern, at present, as a result of the delay and procrastination involved in the carrying out of that project.

[Mr. Walker.]

Mr. Chairman, I also want to congratulate the Minister of Public Works who recently invited municipalities to take better advantage of the National Housing Act for studies involving slum clearance and town planning.

Town development across the country fully justifies the invitation extended by the minister urging municipalities to make use of such financial assistance as C.M.H.C. can provide for effective town planning projects.

Mr. Chairman, I want to point out to the minister that federal assistance to urban redevelopment is too strictly limited to housing. In my opinion, such subsidies should be provided within a larger frame so as to help municipalities in general town planning, the emphasis being on housing.

Cities are becoming more and more important in Canada. It has been proved that, in a period of one year, two cities the size of Ottawa are being created in this country and it seems that the tendency toward more and larger cities will be on the increase as years go by. I am sure we should take into consideration the attitude adopted in the United States toward urban development. You have an example there. They have reached a point where President Kennedy is considering having a municipal representative in his cabinet.

Mr. Chairman, one must remember—and I speak here as a representative from a city riding—that a Department of Agriculture was created some generations ago because agriculture was of vital concern at that time. It has probably remained so, although there is no doubt that urban development and the difficulties encountered by the cities in their expansion plans have taken a national importance. For those reasons, it is surely desirable to enlarge the scope of the National Housing Act so as to promote town planning, redevelopment of the older cities, and the development of new cities all across Canada.

Mr. Chairman, I should like to call the minister's attention to another point, which concerns co-operative housing.

It seems that under the National Housing Act assistance has been provided for people whose yearly income is less than \$3,500. That would cover subsidized housing, such as the Jeanne Mance project.

There is also the financial assistance which, thanks to direct guaranteed loans of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, is given to those whose salary is over \$5,000. Therefore, there is a sort of no man's land between those who earn less than \$3,500 and