

in 1959 over 1958, 6.15 per cent; in 1960 over 1959, 3.9 per cent; in 1961 over 1960, 3.2 per cent. Then in 1962 over 1961 it was 7.7 per cent and in 1963 over 1962 it was 6.6 per cent. 1964 over 1963 is estimated at 6 per cent.

Senator LAMBERT: Those last figures come close to exceeding the gross national product.

The CHAIRMAN: Those are the figures for the gross national product I have given.

Senator LAMBERT: They are not reflected completely in the estimates?

The CHAIRMAN: In some years, yes.

Senator LAMBERT: 1963 is mentioned there as 7 per cent. That is the increase in the gross national product.

The CHAIRMAN: I would think that roughly since 1955 the gross national product has increased a little more percentagewise than the expenditure of the federal Government. However we must always keep in mind that that is only one level of government, the federal level. If we take into consideration provincial and municipal expenditures which undoubtedly have increased at a much higher percentage rate so that the total overall expenditure would not be as favourable as is reflected by the one field at which we are looking at the moment. That table will have to be appended to the report.

Then, continuing from the report, there is this sentence: This year's percentage increase in federal expenditures should also be viewed in relation to the 8% increase in the Gross National Product of Canada for the current calendar year over the preceding year, as currently estimated.

That does not quite tally with the 6 per cent figure I have got myself. It seems to be the result of the fact that the trend is upward at the present time, and I think various estimates are being made, but I would think it would run somewhere between 6 per cent and 8 per cent for the year.

The draft report continues:

22. In the course of its deliberations, your Committee considered the place of Crown corporations and agencies with relation to the Estimates. Some of them do not appear in the Estimates at all and others appear with inadequate information. Having in mind that the purpose of the Estimates is to enable Parliament to scrutinize the financial operations of government, your Committee believes it would be useful on another occasion to examine the financial statements of one or more Crown corporations and to give the managements thereof the opportunity to testify as to their operations. Your Committee would be prepared to undertake such action if the Senate in the future should deem this advisable.

23. Your Committee desires to record its thanks and its appreciation for the evidence submitted by those senior officials of government who appeared before it and their courtesy and co-operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Senator VAILLANCOURT: And to that we add our thanks to the chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Senator BURCHILL: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a wonderful report, and I want to congratulate you and the others who prepared it. I must confess that I have not attended very many meetings of the Finance Committee, and I missed hearing much of what was said. However, there is one thing that is not touched upon in this report and which in another year we might study, and that is the matter of duplication of services as between the federal and provincial governments. This is a tremendous field. In some matters both the federal Government and the provincial governments are doing the same kind of work, and it would be an interesting study to see how much money is being spent in that respect.