

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, very much, Mr. Marchand.

Senator ASELTINE: I wonder if the minister could give us any information by provinces of the amount of money spent?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Yes. We have this information on the Municipal Winter Works Program, I believe. Have you that information, Mr. Hereford?

Mr. F. M. Hereford, Director, Special Services Branch, Department of Labour: Yes. Do you want that information for last winter, senator?

Senator ASELTINE: Let us say for last year, that is to say, 1964-65.

Mr. HEREFORD: 1964-65: Newfoundland, \$209,000; Prince Edward Island, \$273,000; Nova Scotia, \$119,000; New Brunswick, \$394,000; Quebec, \$24,076,000; Ontario \$6,139,000; Manitoba, \$1,208,000; Saskatchewan, \$1,445,000; Alberta, \$2,222,000; British Columbia, \$4,003,000; North West Territories, \$19,300, Indian bands, \$143,000.

Senator ASELTINE: What is the total of those amounts?

Mr. HEREFORD: Slightly over \$40 million.

Senator ROEBUCK: What is the explanation for the figures of \$6 million for Ontario and \$24 million for Quebec?

Mr. HEREFORD: The main reason is that Quebec adds 40 per cent to the federal contribution.

Senator METHOT: It does not cost anything to the municipalities?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Certain of the municipalities, not all of them, get a joint contribution of 100% of payroll costs.

Senator CROLL: We could not hear the answer and I am interested, would you repeat it?

Mr. DYMOND: In the Province of Quebec, the government of the province adds 40 per cent to the federal Government's 50 per cent, on payroll costs of municipal winter works projects, bringing it up to 90 per cent; and in the case of designated areas and high winter unemployment areas in the Province of Quebec the federal percentage is 60 per cent and the provincial percentage is 40 per cent, which brings it up to 100 per cent in some areas.

Senator CROLL: What is the percentage between wages and material?

Mr. DYMOND: This all applies to labour, to payroll costs.

The CHAIRMAN: These are all labour costs.

Senator CROLL: Labour and material?

Mr. DYMOND: No, just payroll.

Senator CROLL: How do you explain the difference between British Columbia and Ontario—\$24 million as against \$6 million?

Mr. DYMOND: I think that, in the main, Ontario is a bigger province.

Senator CROLL: Yes, much bigger than British Columbia. Even in British Columbia they agree on that.

Mr. DYMOND: It has proportionately more per capita than Ontario.

Mr. HEREFORD: Perhaps the more favourable winter weather in British Columbia is part of the explanation.

Senator RATTENBURY: Most of these programs initiate with the provinces, do they not? They make requests for this work?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: They have to agree. The municipalities make the request to the provincial government and the provincial government transfers it here.