

officials, but I see the minister is here, and since this matter refers to what took place at the Winnipeg Conference, I would want someone to answer who was there.

The CHAIRMAN: We have an official here who was there, but the suggestion I am making really is that there are a number of areas on which the minister, I know, will want to speak, and I am sure the members of the committee will want to question the minister on these matters. I am just thinking of the orderly development of the agenda before us. It appears to me it might be better to have the minister before us at the conclusion of all of these matters. I realize there are many questions which can be directed to specific sections which the members might prefer, for various reason, to direct to the minister. While we are very glad to see the minister here today visiting us, I think it might probably be best if we continue with the program we agreed upon at the beginning.

Mr. AIKEN: All right, Mr. Chairman. I will pass.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hales, did you have something?

Mr. HALES: I have a question under vote 80. I am interested in the amount of contributions by the federal government to the province of Ontario, and I notice under vote 80 there are three projects in Ontario. I wonder if somebody in the department could give us the dates of those agreements which were entered into?

Mr. PATTERSON: The Upper Thames agreement was entered into in January, 1951 at an estimated cost of \$9,640,000. Canada's contribution to October 31, 1965 was \$2,196,000 odd. The Parkhill Dam project—

Mr. HALES: Is that the Ausable?

Mr. PATTERSON: The Ausable, yes. This was initially entered into in 1961 and was renewed in December, 1964, and Canada's contribution to September 30, 1965, was \$97,738. The Metropolitan Toronto and region project was entered into in June of 1961. The estimated cost for which assistance was requested for flood control only was \$24 million; Canada's contribution to October 31, 1965 was \$3,365,172.

Mr. HALES: Thank you. It would appear that no projects have been entered into since 1961 with the province of Ontario?

Mr. PATTERSON: Other than the renewal of the Parkhill dam.

Mr. HALES: Well, is this because the province of Ontario has not asked for help in these projects? Five years is quite a long time when pollution and conservation are such very important matters. I am trying to find out why there was no arrangement between the province since 1961.

Mr. PATTERSON: Well, for one thing two of those projects, the Upper Thames and the Metropolitan Toronto, cover very considerable areas in the southern part of the province. There have been some negotiations with respect to some other projects which have not reached the agreement stage, and apart from that Ontario has not advanced projects. Now, a project, to be eligible under the act, has to be a major project.