

We have attributed this to very vigorous activity on the part of the provincial Government itself in promoting the program among its own municipalities as a straight promotion sort of operation that, I think, has an impact on this situation.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): I think that might be an important reason. I have discussed this subject with people in municipalities in Nova Scotia.

They had some projects to which they have given consideration. However, one town clerk, with whom I discussed this matter, said, to use his own words, "There is too much red tape involved". He said that it costs so much for the exchange of letters, that his time is valuable, and they get discouraged and give it up completely. Is that assessment of his difficulties a fair one?

Mr. HEREFORD: Not really.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): What is this so-called "red tape," to which the town clerk referred?

Mr. HEREFORD: Our requirements are simply an application form describing the project which when approved by the province is submitted to the federal Government, and we deal with these applications the day they are received. Unless something unusual arises, the approved application form goes back to the province immediately.

Senator POULIOT: The requirements of the Department regarding these works are signed by the federal Government and the province, are they not?

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps I might answer that, Senator Pouliot. The minister has given me a copy of a letter which was sent by the honourable Mr. MacEachen to each provincial premier, dated July 12, 1965, which sets out the terms upon which the federal Government is prepared to make its grants.

Senator POULIOT: It is like a deed?

The CHAIRMAN: It is like an agreement, if you will. I think we should have this printed as an appendix to today's proceedings and we shall then know the terms under which these works are carried out.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

*(Copy of letter from Hon. Mr. MacEachen printed as appendix to today's proceedings.)*

Senator POULIOT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: It must be clear that this is not an agreement negotiated with each province because conditions differ.

Senator POULIOT: Each province comes with its projects?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Yes.

Senator POULIOT: Now, are there any bylaws or regulations of the Government which decide on the orders specified by the Minister of Labour?

Mr. DYMOND: Those are the complete regulations that govern the projects sent in by the province. Provinces may set up some regulations of their own, which vary from province to province, relating to the financial capacity of the municipality, or regulations relating to their additional share, and this kind of thing; they do not vary very much.

Senator POULIOT: Do the provinces submit those provincial regulations to the federal Government before they put it in force?

Mr. HEREFORD: In each case, senator, there is simply an additional explanation of what is contained in it.

Senator POULIOT: It is like the marginal note?

Mr. HEREFORD: That is correct.