

and also as to particular items. The questions and the answers submitted by the Treasury board officials appear in the printed proceedings of the Committee, with suitable appendices where required, and for the purposes of this Report it is sufficient to say that all relevant information was obtained upon the items as to which members were concerned.

21. The following observations are made as to the Estimates in general. The Main Estimates for 1964-65 totalled \$6,703,513,508, or \$84,378,008 more than those of the previous year. It should be noted, however, that there was a substantial reduction in the current Estimates of the Department of National Defence from those of the preceding year, amounting to \$109,000,455.

It would be misleading, however, to compare the Estimates of respective years without taking into account the Supplementary Estimates. In the current year Supplementary Estimates have been filed totalling \$221,763,280 and the Minister of Finance in his Budget speech in March estimated that the total expenditure for the year would be about \$7,125,000,000 or \$233,000,000 more than in the preceding year, an increase of a little more than 3%. It is interesting to follow the trend of increases in expenditures over past years, and a table of the history for ten years is appended.

I have it here. It has just been given to me this morning by Treasury Board and I am going to run through it, if I may, because I think you will find it interesting in connection with this.

I shall start with 1955 and the figure I give is the figure for the following year.

Increase in 1956 over 1955	%
“ “ 1957 “ 1956	4
“ “ 1958 “ 1957	9
“ “ 1959 “ 1958	5
“ “ 1960 “ 1959	5
“ “ 1961 “ 1960	6
“ “ 1962 “ 1961	4
“ “ 1963 “ 1962	9
“ “ 1963 “ 1962	1

The figure for 1963 over 1962, which was one per cent, is the only one that is especially low there. The next one, which is 1964 over 1963, is 5 per cent and the current year is 3 per cent.

Senator VAILLANCOURT: What is the difference between the figures ten years ago and now?

The CHAIRMAN: The difference between 1955 and the present time is between \$4,275,000,000 and \$7,125,000,000, which is approximately \$2,000,-850,000.

Senator STAMBAUGH: Can you give us the increase in the gross national product in that time?

The CHAIRMAN: In 1955 the gross national product of Canada was \$27,130,000,000. The current estimate is \$45,600,000,000, which is an increase of over \$18 billion.

Senator VAILLANCOURT: That is fairly close, isn't it?

The CHAIRMAN: I took off some percentages. I am not sure I can give them to you quite accurately, but I can give you my own rough calculations. You have heard the figures of increases in expenditure and I shall now give you the figures showing the increases in gross national product starting in 1955. The increase in 1956 over 1955 was 12.1 per cent.

Senator GROSART: Is that against the 4 per cent increase in expenditures?

The CHAIRMAN: That compares with the 4 per cent. In 1957 over 1956 the gross national product was 4.3 per cent. In 1958 over 1957, 3.1 per cent;