

the times provided for by the Agreement therefor set out in the Schedules, of a sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole an amount equivalent to the subscriptions required from Canada, that is to say, thirteen hundred million United States dollars."

I am wondering whether that is spread over a number of years. What is meant by that section?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: This section would empower the Government to make immediate payments, sir. The section is worded so as to embrace the existing subscriptions and the additional amounts.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): You mean to say to the extent of \$1,300 million?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: The \$1,300 million covers the total subscription to both institutions.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Spread over how many years?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Well, we paid part of it back in 1945 or 1946, and we will presumably, if Parliament approves, pay the additional amounts in the current year. Excuse me. I used the word "pay" which is, of course, misleading. I should have said that it includes the increase of the guarantee. It includes the non-interest bearing notes. The actual payments involved are payments in gold, to which I have referred and which I anticipate, if Parliament agrees to this Act, would come out of our existing gold reserves. It would involve the transfer of, shall I say, from our existing gold reserves of \$62.5 million to the Fund and \$1 million to the Bank. Does that clear it up?

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Yes, thank you.

Mr. PLUMPTRE: May I refer you to the Senate Debates of June 11? The figures are there in tabular form.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Plumptre, in regard to the transfer of gold, is that a physical transfer or a bookkeeping entry?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: No, that would be a physical transfer.

The CHAIRMAN: From Canada to Washington?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: There is another question I would like to ask while we are on that section—

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Excuse me, sir, but may I just interrupt to say that technically speaking I do not know whether the gold would end up in Washington or New York, but that would be at the discretion of the institutions.

Senator LAMBERT: In Tennessee, I hope.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a phrase here that I find hard to understand. It says, "...an amount equivalent to the subscriptions required from Canada..." Who makes that decision? Is that a decision to be made by the Fund or the Bank? I was wondering about the use of the word "required".

Mr. PLUMPTRE: I am not a legal draftsman, but this is done under the terms of an international agreement of which Canada is a member.

The CHAIRMAN: One more question: Are relative increases in subscriptions being made by other countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Yes, in a measure. There are, as I believe I mentioned before, two types of increases in subscriptions under consideration at the present time. First there is a general increase in subscriptions, to the Fund of 50 per cent and to the Bank of 100 per cent. In addition to that, particular