

Mr. DYMOND: No, some do not. New Brunswick—

Senator DENIS: Since the inception of the program, do you find a year whereby, for instance, the Province of Ontario would have used more money than the Province of Quebec?

Mr. HEREFORD: I think perhaps in the early years.

Senator DENIS: That is very interesting, because those people from Ontario are rather touchy.

Mr. HEREFORD: Senator, in the winter of 1958-59 the federal expenditure in Ontario was \$1,996,000, and in Quebec that winter it was \$1,426,000.

The CHAIRMAN: I hope you are satisfied, Senator Denis.

Mr. HEREFORD: There was more in Ontario the next year: \$2,447,000 as opposed to \$1,686,000 in Quebec. But from there on Quebec has had a larger share.

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: Does it coincide with the increase of the provincial participation?

Mr. HEREFORD: The first two winters the Province of Quebec did not make any financial contribution, but in the third they added 40 per cent.

Senator METHOT: Isn't it a fact it costs more, for instance, to build houses on which we are going to receive \$500 during the wintertime than during the summertime, and that the advantage is not so large as it was supposed to be?

Mr. HEREFORD: Construction does cost a little more in the wintertime, depending on the type of construction. You have to heat the building while you are working on it, and so on.

Mr. DYMOND: On the other hand, I think it might be observed that for large contracts there are certain offsets in terms of keeping a labour force together and their equipment operating more continually throughout the year and, very importantly, in having houses for the spring market as compared to not having them.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Isn't my understanding correct, then, that in those provinces where this program has really gone over and where, according to the figures, it is of some importance, it is mostly because those provinces themselves make a direct contribution, varying from 25 to 40 per cent of the labour cost? I notice in Nova Scotia where the participation is so very little it is insignificant, and it is also a province that does not make any contribution. Is that generally so? What about some of these other so-called poor provinces and smaller provinces, are any of them making contributions?

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps we should get on the record what the contributions of the other provinces are.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): While that figure is being looked up by the officials, I have another question I would like to ask the minister. Is it possible for a province itself to participate directly in the winter works program by carrying on a provincial program in the wintertime such as cutting bushes on the sides of highways?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: I understand it has to be done through a municipality.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Where your highway work is being done in the province by the province itself, that would not be so. I gather that is not possible. They just do not take advantage of the winter works program?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: I do not know, but I think it has to be a municipal project.

Mr. DYMOND: Yes, it has to be a municipal project. In answer to your first question, I think there is one element of it that might bear mentioning. New Brunswick, for example, does not add any percentage either and yet the expenditures in New Brunswick are quite often twice as much as Nova Scotia.