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reflection of underemployment, which means only partial employment or something different than a straight unemployment figure. This should be taken into account as well. Also, there are different characteristics in the labour forces of the various provinces. No account is taken of the fact that in some parts you have different participation factors in the labour force, particularly as a result of the rural-urban ratio of the population. Where there is a higher rural ratio this will mean a lower formal participation factor in the labour force as a whole. This factor should be taken into account.

I find that only 2.8 per cent of the total program expenditures have been allocated to my province of Saskatchewan. I must say, Mr. Speaker, that while recognizing some of the problems in other parts of the country, we have a case that must also be considered. We have needs and problems that deserve consideration. But we find that whether it is the regional incentives program, some of the manpower programs or LIP, we are not getting our fair share of the programs. We find that a very high percentage of the program expenditures are going to the province of Quebec. I have to say this, while recognizing the serious nature of some of the problems that exist in that province. For example between July, 1971, and February, 1972, 61.1 per cent of all industrial incentive grants went to the province of Quebec.

Last week we had an announcement by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that the Local Initiatives Program was going to be extended until September 30. Although there are some deficiencies in the program, which have been outlined by my leader, I welcome this extension. Also, I welcome the addition of \$30 million in funds to be made available, but am disappointed to learn that no new projects will be considered as a result of the extension of the program. As I understand it, the only projects that will be assisted are those for which assistance has already been given. However, Mr. Speaker, there are communities of some size in this country which up to the present have not received any assistance under the Local Initiatives Program and I submit—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret having to interrupt the hon. member, but his time has expired.

Mr. Ian Watson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, in replying to the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton) I will try to supply him, on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Perrault) for whom I am replying tonight, with some figures for which he asked. As of April 14, 1972, the following sums of money have been committed to applications approved under the Local Initiatives Program. These totals will vary as the projects progress, since adjustments involving contractual changes are sometimes necessary after the final approvals have been negotiated. I am now prepared to inform the hon. member that amounts allocated in each province are as follows: Newfoundland, \$9,900,113; Nova Scotia, \$10,395,996; Prince Edward Island—

Mr. Burton: I already have those figures.

Mr. Watson: The hon. member says he already has those figures. I hold in my hand a list showing total amounts

[Mr. Burton.]

and numbers of applications received from each province under the Local Initiatives Program. If the hon. member wishes, I will put these on the record. The hon. member indicated that he has certain figures in his possession. However, I wonder if he would like me to put the first list of figures I mentioned on record, if time permits.

Mr. Burton: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Watson: The following sums have been committed to applications approved under the Local Initiatives Program: Prince Edward Island, \$2,047,394; New Brunswick, \$9,173,511; Quebec, \$62,698,549; Ontario, \$22,175,018; Manitoba, \$5,365,159; Saskatchewan, \$4,029,126; Alberta, \$8,027,544; Northwest Territories, \$1,039,483; British Columbia, \$13,670,599; Yukon, \$428,058.

As I said, I hold in my hand a list showing the total amounts and numbers of applications received from each province under the Local Initiatives Program. The amounts are set out together with the number of applications received from those communities.

Mr. Burton: What about communities that have not received any help?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Watson: I do not think there is time for me to put on record the totals of the applications. May I indicate to the hon. member for Regina East that the special factors which he indicated as having a bearing on the Saskatchewan scene will be brought to the attention of the minister.

FISHERIES—ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY CLOSURE—
REASON FOR OMISSION OF NOVA SCOTIA,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND QUEBEC RIVERS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about certain aspects of the ban on salmon fishing that has been referred to in this House. I am pleased to see the minister in his place. I know he has been busy. With the election scare, ministers have been running all over the country in their own private airplanes and smuggling in a little politicking, so to speak. In the interests of the well-being of the nation, I think the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) had better declare pretty soon whether there is to be an election immediately or next fall, so that we can get down to business and know where we stand.

The Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Davis) has a better record than most for attending during the "late show". I appreciate his being here this evening to reply to the question I raised earlier as recorded on page 1556 of *Hansard*. The narrow business at that time was with respect to the salmon ban on the rivers of New Brunswick only. I asked why rivers of other provinces have not, except in one case, been closed. I was particularly interested in Quebec. The minister said then, as he had said previously, that parallel action was planned in Quebec. I should like to get a fairly definitive statement as to what is meant and what is to be done. According to my information, there is not to be a ban in Quebec. There is to be a slight seasonal restriction similar to the sort of restriction which was imposed in New