STANDING COMMITTEE

Canada's Share of an Investigation on the matter of air pollution in the vicinity of Detroit-Windsor—Decrease \$41,074

The decrease here results from reduced requirements due to the approaching conclusion of the investigation in question.

Studies and Surveys of the Mid-Western Watershed-Decrease \$5,000

It is possible to reduce the amount required for this Reference as a great deal of the engineering work has been done.

Lake Ontario Water Levels Reference-Decrease \$15,000

The work of the Lake Ontario Engineering Board in connection with this Reference is almost completed and, therefore, funds are only required here to ensure that improved methods of regulations are devised from time to time as the work in the St. Lawrence progresses.

St. John River Reference-Decrease \$7,000

A decrease is considered possible here as this Reference has not yet been as active as originally contemplated. However the funds requested are required as it is felt that it may become more active in 1957-58 and it is, therefore, necessary to ensure that all the information available will be at hand in that event.

St. Croix River Reference-Decrease \$40,000

The 1956-57 Estimate was made necessarily before the type and volume of work that this Reference would entail could be determined. The reduction now being made is due to a re-study of the requirements in the light of a full year's work on the reference.

Passamaguoddy Tidal Power Reference—Increase \$100,000

This is a new reference in 1957-58 and arises from the direction to the International Joint Commission to determine the estimated cost of developing the international tidal power potential of Passamaquoddy Bay.

116—Grant to U.N. Refugee Fund—Increase \$75,000

For several reasons including (1) the broader and more comprehensive programme begun by this Organization in 1955, (2) because Canada has been unable to accept for resettlement very many of the refugees who are the responsibility of the High Commissioner, and (3) because additional assistance is required in view of increased Soviet efforts to induce refugees who become discouraged to return to their country of origin and thus achieve an important objective for communist propaganda, provision is being made for an increase of \$75,000 in our grant in 1957-58.

117—Grant to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees—Increase \$250,000

This Agency proposes to change its fiscal year to correspond to the calendar year—necessitating extending its present budgetary period from twelve to eighteen months. In order to continue Canada's contribution at the same yearly rate as for 1956-57 (\$500,000) it is therefore necessary to provide \$750,000, an increase of \$250,000, for this revised budgetary period.