

Mr. DYMOND: There are no restrictions as to how the house shall be put in place. It can be done by the owner or by a contractor.

Senator RATTENBURY: That is a very good feature.

Mr. HEREFORD: The only restriction is the timing.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dymond, on your municipal winter works, do your figures give any indication as to what the hourly wages on winter works programs amount to? In other words for what the federal and provincial governments are spending, how many man-hours result and can you give some indication of the average cost per man-hour?

Mr. DYMOND: This could be calculated. We have man-hour estimates that could be compared with estimates of expenditure. We have not calculated those.

Mr. HEREFORD: No. For the current winters program the total payroll costs estimated, works out at \$113,643,000 and it is estimated that these projects will provide 7,464,407 man-days of work.

The CHAIRMAN: That is roughly \$16 per man-day of work.

Mr. HEREFORD: Of course it varies greatly across the country.

Mr. DYMOND: On an eight-hour day it would be \$2 an hour, but the wage rates in construction vary substantially from place to place and in terms of skill used on the job.

Senator McCUTCHEON: You do not enforce any minimum wages?

Mr. HEREFORD: These projects are exempted from the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act because of their large volume, but under the terms of the program reliance is placed on the province—

Senator KINLEY: They come under the provincial codes.

Senator RATTENBURY: Most provinces have a minimum wage now.

Mr. HEREFORD: What we say is reliance will be placed on the provincial government to ensure that going wage rates will apply on these winter works projects and hours of work will not exceed a reasonable maximum per week. Overtime work, except for emergencies, should be excluded.

Senator PEARSON: Do all provinces qualify in the matter of fair wages, the building rate?

Mr. HEREFORD: The local rate is applied, that is right.

Senator McCUTCHEON: Do you audit the books?

Mr. HEREFORD: The provincial auditor or an auditor designated by him carries out the pre-audit.

Senator McCUTCHEON: You accept that?

Mr. HEREFORD: Yes, sir.

Senator ISNOR: You do not accept that, do you? The Auditor General, in turn, follows that up?

Mr. DYMOND: Yes, the Auditor General carries out, in turn, test audits of the provincial and local audits.

Senator McCUTCHEON: That is why he found it difficult to understand what the Monks were being paid.

Mr. DYMOND: That is a question related to conformity with the terms of the program.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask, what is the agency which carries out the inspection of the specifications and other qualifying factors with regard to the winter house building program?

Mr. DYMOND: The inspection or the agency that certifies the house as conforming to the terms of the program is the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. They do this on a contract basis for the Department of Labour.