

3. What loans of this nature has the government made in the past (a) 15 years (b) 10 years (c) 5 years?

4. Of each such loan, what proportion has been recovered by the government either through the purchase of Canadian products, or through direct repayment?

5. Were non-recoverable loans made by the government during the same periods and, if so (a) how many (b) to what countries (c) on what dates (d) for what amounts?—Sessional Paper No. 283-2/749.

Mr. Jerome, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered,—That there be laid before this House a copy of the study of urban problems in Canada undertaken by Professor Harvey Lithwick for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs.—(Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 138—Mr. Gilbert).

Ordered,—That there be laid before this House a copy of the study on Housing Policy or Urban Problems conducted on behalf of the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Housing and/or any studies prepared dealing with individual phases of the problems of Housing or Urban Problems prepared during the aforementioned study.—(Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 169—Mr. Orlikow).

By unanimous consent, the House reverted to "Presenting Reports from Standing and Special Committees".

Mr. Hales, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, October 30, 1970, your Committee has considered the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1969, the Auditor General's Report thereon and the evidence adduced by the Committee during the past Session in relation thereto.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969:

Paragraph 194. Federal-provincial shared-cost programs.

Information on federal contributions to federal-provincial shared-cost programs is available in Volume II of the Public Accounts in the details of the various Departmental expenditures.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Auditor General, it is recommended that a detailed summary of these programs be provided in an appendix to the Public

Accounts, to show the federal share of the cost of each program on an annual and cumulative basis. Your Committee also recommends that information on the federal share of each program be provided by province.

Appendix 1 to Volume I, subparagraph 19. Salary of the Auditor General.

In conformity with the essential independence of the Office of Auditor General and with a view to avoiding the necessity of amending the Financial Administration Act in future to provide appropriate remuneration for the Auditor General, bearing in mind that no adjustment has been made to his salary since 1965, your Committee recommends that the Financial Administration Act be amended by deleting Subsection (2) of Section 65 and substituting therefor the following Sub-section (2):

"The Auditor General shall out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be paid a salary equivalent to that of the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada."

The Committee further recommends that if the Federal Court Act is not proclaimed in this session of Parliament then steps be taken to provide an interim increase to \$40,000 per annum.

Paragraph 210. Loans to, and investment in, Crown Corporations.

It is recommended that the information tabled in this paragraph by the Auditor General on page 187, as at the end of the fiscal year, be augmented in the future by adding corresponding data as at the end of the previous fiscal year so as to readily indicate the change in each item over the year under review.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF CANADA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969:

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1968.

In the government Estimates of each year, there is an item to provide for recovery from the Minister of certain of the Corporation's expenditures among which are contributions toward urban renewal schemes and losses resulting from the operation of public housing projects.

The transactions involved are not fully reflected in the Corporation's financial statements. Accordingly, it is recommended that the transactions and their relation to the financial statements be fully explained in the Corporation's accounts.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issues Nos. 12, 18 and 19 of the present session) is tabled.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 36 to the Journals).