

Work Activity Projects

PART III—Canada Assistance Plan

Provinces that have signed Agreements under Part III:

British Columbia (September 5, 1968).

Alberta (September 9, 1968).

Saskatchewan (September 24, 1968).

Manitoba (November 12, 1968).

Quebec (October 9, 1968).

Prince Edward Island (August 19, 1968).

Nova Scotia (August 6, 1968).

Provinces for which projects have been submitted and approved: Quebec, Saskatchewan.

Provinces for which projects have been submitted but not yet approved: Prince Edward Island.

Projects Approved

Province of Quebec

"Bûcheron" projects in Montmagny, L'Islet; Region des Cantons de l'Est; Beauce; Amos and Mont Laurier:

This involves a total of seven "bûcheron" or lumberjack projects. Two projects each were submitted and approved for Montmagny and for the Eastern Townships. The first set of these has been completed.

The overall aim of these projects is to enable recipients of public assistance to become productive citizens. The projects attempt to motivate individuals to look after their own needs, develop habits which will enable them to fit into the everyday working world and prove to themselves that they are able to provide for their needs and those of their dependents.

Participants perform the following forestry jobs: setting up seed stands; clearing paths; reforestation; pruning and gathering of cones.

Participants are provided with any social welfare services necessary for their rehabilitation.

These projects range from six to twenty-two weeks in duration and from 125 to 150 persons participate in each project.

Les Ateliers R-10 Inc., Quebec City:

This project is aimed at the global social rehabilitation of the worker-trainees and their vocational readjustment either through a vocational training course or regular employment. Trainees include persons who

are chronically unemployed, in receipt of assistance and fit to work.

Participants are engaged in the assembly of floor and dish mops and in woodwork and carpentry projects. It is hoped to extend the type of work available.

Trainees are provided with complementary recreational and cultural activities. They also receive services necessary for social and work rehabilitation including vocational counselling, case and group work and medical and psychological services, if necessary.

Some 20 worker-trainees participate in a four month training period. About 60 persons can be trained in one year.

Les Établissements du Gentilhomme Inc., Quebec City

This project is designed primarily to prepare ex-convicts for participation in the labour market by providing them with work adjustment in a workshop setting.

Participants are engaged in upholstery, and the manufacture of rubber mats. Other activities planned include building and ground maintenance. There are also conferences, lectures and animation meetings for trainees. Welfare services are provided by La Société de Réadaptation Sociale. This society will work in close collaboration with the workshop.

The project is designed to last for twelve months. Twenty persons can be trained at any one time with training periods ranging from six to twelve months.

Province of Saskatchewan

Prince Albert and Keewatin Centre Work Training Programs:

The purpose of these projects is to eliminate or reduce problems of participants which interfere with their securing or holding employment.

The projects are designed to develop social skills essential for adequate functioning in employment and in the community, academic skills to the point where participants may take advantage of regular pre-employment courses offered by Manpower and by the provincial Department of Education, and acceptable work habits. There is an attempt to identify occupational interests and aptitudes and to identify and resolve family problems which may affect occupational activity.

Trainees divide their time between work activities and classroom instruction. Work activity includes maintenance of the buildings