

In one case, a payment of \$25,000, representing one-half of a contribution approved in 1975-76, was made in 1976-77 to the British Columbia Provincial Museum, although the organization failed to supply required budget information and to accept formally the terms and conditions of the contribution. The Treasury Board approval of the contribution was also qualified by the requirement that, before any payment was made, an evaluation of the organization's past work that had been supported by National Museums funds would be carried out by the Secretariat and by suitable experts in the field. This evaluation was made only in April 1977. (Para. 12.39, 1977 Annual Report)

December 14, 1976, about \$3.8 million in advances paid in 1975-76 and prior fiscal years had not been accounted for; end of this report, \$1.8 million represented unexpended funds. These outstanding advances are not identified in the Public Accounts. (Para. 12.38, 1977 Annual Report)

The Treasury Board has required recipients of project funding assistance to "provide the National Museum of Canada with a full report detailing the manner in which the funds were spent", including an audited financial statement covering the entire project and detailing costs to which the funds were applied. (Para. 12.32, 1977 Annual Report)

Of nine transactions examined under the Museum Assistance Program for 1975-76, four showed no evidence of any follow-up having been made. Similarly in 1976-77, three transactions totaling \$176,000 involving the Musée du Québec were entered into even though there had been no accounting for funds paid in prior years. (Para. 12.32, 1977 Annual Report)