

Mr. JORGENSEN: I would like to know, Mr. Chairman, if you have a breakdown of the provinces that have made applications for loans and if you have a record of the purposes of those loans. You have enumerated several reasons why you give these loans. I was wondering if there was a breakdown in that respect as well? Another question, while I have it before me, I would like to know if there are any areas in which loans are prohibited?

Mr. CHESTER: The answer to that is no.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): One page 3—

The CHAIRMAN: Pardon me, there is other information here.

Mr. CHESTER: The loans made by provinces from inception are: British Columbia \$7,238,000—

Mr. JORGENSEN: I wonder do you have extra copies of this?

Mr. CHESTER: Not with me, but we can have them provided for you.

Mr. JORGENSEN: I wonder if you would have them distributed to the members of the committee rather than reading them out?

Mr. CHESTER: Our annual report, which should be available very shortly—it is in the printer's hands—will have all this information in it and if you have our annual report for last year that has it up to the end of March, 1957.

Mr. JORGENSEN: Is it in this report?

Mr. CHESTER: Yes.

Mr. FLEMING (*Eglinton*): Perhaps with that in mind it might complete the record if you just give the figures for 1957-58 pending the time when the 1957-58 report is available for distribution and members could just build on the facts they have in the ordinary course in the 1957-58 annual report.

Mr. CHESTER: Do many of you have the annual report? We have a few. I do not think we have sufficient for everybody; we will distribute what we have.

I will give you from April 1, 1957, to March 31, 1958, which, added to the totals you have, will make the present total. British Columbia \$542,530; Alberta—

Mr. DOUCETT: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible to get the number of loans with the amount?

Mr. CHESTER: Yes.

| <i>Province</i> | <i>No. of Loans</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| British Columbia | 98 | \$ 542,530 |
| Alberta | 570 | 2,608,546 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,076 | 5,467,085 |
| Manitoba | 393 | 2,010,225 |
| Ontario | 984 | 7,003,846 |
| Quebec | 122 | 636,180 |
| New Brunswick | 64 | 282,333 |
| Nova Scotia | 53 | 280,729 |
| Prince Edward Island | 140 | 512,081 |

The total number of loans is 3,500 and the amount is \$19,343,560.

Mr. FLEMING (*Eglinton*): Perhaps it might be well if Mr. Chester just made a comment on the Quebec figure, which may look low by way of indicating the situation in regard to the provincial sources of agricultural credit.

Mr. HALES: I wonder if he would compare the low with the high? Why is Saskatchewan so high?