

PROPOSED FUR REHABILITATION PROGRAM—*Concluded*

## B. Post-war muskrat rehabilitation program—Five years—

1. Clerical assistance and expenses of Steering Committee of permanent Civil Servants for two years at \$3,000.00.....	6,000 00	
2. Ten exploration parties, six to nine months each year to search out projects for two years at \$75,000.00.....	150,000 00	
3. Ten engineering parties six months each year for two years at \$50,000.00 .....	100,000 00	
4. Technical staff on preparation of construction plans, draftsmen, etc., with supplies and materials, for two years at \$22,000.00	44,000 00	
		300,000 00

## Construction Program—Five Years

1st year—Ten projects at \$50,000.00 each .....	500,000 00	
H.Q.'s and technical staff and expenses.....	50,000 00	
2nd year—Same ten projects at \$50,000 each.....	500,000 00	
H.Q.'s and technical staff and expenses.....	50,000 00	
3rd year—Maintenance of structures and protection.....	75,000 00	
H.Q.'s and field management.....	25,000 00	
4th year—Maintenance of structures and protection.....	100,000 00	
H.Q.'s and field management.....	25,000 00	
5th year—Maintenance of structures and protection.....	125,000 00	
H.Q.'s and field management.....	50,000 00	
		\$1,800,000 00

## C. Post-war beaver preserves and sanctuaries program—Five years—

Establishment and organization of Twenty Beaver Preserves across Canada in co-operation with the Provinces:		
Expense of exploration and selection.....	\$ 100,000 00	
Management of Twenty Preserves for five years, one supervisor to each preserve .....	500,000 00	
Re-stocking program, 50 live Beaver to each Preserve for five years.....	400,000 00	
		\$1,000,000 00

You will notice that it is laid out in a five-year program. That is, five years dating from the beginning of the program, whenever that may be.

Mr. MACNICOL: And what would the total cost be?

Mr. ALLAN: The total cost, the whole thing, I have put in at \$1,800,000. Now, you cannot start these construction programs until you have found out where you are going to do it. On the last day I mentioned that we were developing areas with which we were thoroughly familiar. Presumably, scores and scores of places must exist in the dominion where similar work could be done. Now, to ascertain just where those places are is the first step that we would have to take. We would have to send out exploration parties, headed by someone who recognized the muskrat habitat, when he saw it, searching these out. It would not be difficult, because the guide would be where are the muskrats produced in a state of nature coming from. If you see an area where there are 10,000 rats a year coming from it, year after year, you know that you have a natural habitat which, according to our theory, is capable of being developed. We are convinced that if you could find those places, then, by giving nature a little assistance in the form of controlled water levels and adequate protection, we could make those areas produce ten times what they are producing at the present time, and I am very modest, at that, because our experience has been that we have produced one hundred times with what nature has given to us.

Mr. MACNICOL: We could almost pay the national debt on returns.

Mr. ALLAN: I would send out an exploration or prospecting party, one to each province, to search these places out and tell us where they are, and I would follow up those prospectors with an engineering staff who would check the levels and tell us exactly what the nature of the development would be, and find the suitable formations with which we are familiar. Actually, all I know about development of muskrat areas is that you need to find an area