

The CHAIRMAN: Are you finished now with Senator Aseltine's question?

Senator CROLL: They didn't answer the question fully about housing.

The CHAIRMAN: I want to know how to reconcile a \$61 million figure with the figure in the estimates of \$54 million.

Mr. DYMOND: Mr. Hereford explained that the expenditures of the municipalities only came to 60 to 70 per cent of the final figure we encounter here.

The CHAIRMAN: There was an overestimate?

Mr. DYMOND: There was an overestimate of 30 per cent. We took that into account in presenting our estimates to Parliament.

Mr. HEREFORD: Might I add a word? The \$54 million includes \$6 million provided by way of Governor General's warrants to take care of a shortage in our estimates last year. We had \$35 million in the estimates and our final expenditures come to about \$41 million. For the current year our expenditure is anticipated to be \$48 million.

The CHAIRMAN: Does any of this \$54 million have to be returned to the consolidated revenue fund if it is not spent or does approval of applications automatically carry over to enable you to make the payments?

Mr. HEREFORD: This is what I believe to be a non-lapsing vote because the vote covers two fiscal years. It also provides for the payment of undischarged commitments under previous programs.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no lapse involved.

Mr. HEREFORD: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Now if we could have the figures for Senator Aseltine.

Mr. HEREFORD: I have very little information as yet as to expenditures because not too many of the houses have been completed. If I may give the figures in relation to units—many are still under construction.

Mr. DYMOND: You can get a rough indication of the expenditure by multiplying the units by 500.

Mr. HEREFORD: The applications received for 1965-66 are:

Newfoundland, 204; Prince Edward Island, 54; Nova Scotia, 528; New Brunswick, 501; Quebec, 13,137; Ontario, 9,460; Manitoba, 1,668; Saskatchewan, 1,999; Alberta, 3,815; British Columbia, 3,640; Northwest Territories, 6.

And that totals 35,012 units.

Senator ASELTINE: What was the total for the previous year?

Mr. HEREFORD: It ran just about the same at that time.

Senator RATTENBURY: There is no yardstick subject to which this \$500 becomes payable? Referring to Senator Kinley's remarks on rural development, if a farmer decides to put up his own house he may have \$7,000 or \$8,000—

Mr. HEREFORD: He can participate.

Senator RATTENBURY: It does not have to be built under the regulations of C.M.H.C. or N.H.A.?

Mr. HEREFORD: No.

Mr. DYMOND: The only restriction is that the building is carried out within the prescribed period, and that it conforms in general to the national building code in relation to housing.

Mr. HEREFORD: There is also some limitation as to size because it is specified in the National Building Code that a certain amount of space shall be provided for each room. We do provide that a house must have at least four rooms and a bathroom.