

Expenditure by the Department of Forestry was up \$10 million (31%) mainly in respect of freight assistance and storage costs on western feed grains and payments under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act. There were also increases in expenditure by the National Research Council.

The CHAIRMAN: May I just interject here, Mr. Henderson? From here to 33 will not appear in 1965, so if the members have any questions they should put them now as this is all to be dealt with in 1964

Mr. HENDERSON: If I may be permitted, Mr. Chairman, I would explain that it does, of course, appear in 1965 but it is the later year's figures and conceivably you might be more interested in comparing 1965 with 1964 than perhaps taking time to compare 1964 with 1963. Unless you have any marked sections here or questions you would like to ask, I would suggest you might spend a little more time on this in your consideration of the 1965 report. However, I have full information here and my representatives are present to deal with any points that might have caught your eye and on which you would like further information. We generally highlight the major reasons for changes in the figures by way of providing explanations as to increases and in some cases decreases; very largely increases because expenditures continue to rise each year, as you are fully aware.

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): Have these reports all been approved by Parliament?

● (11:20 a.m.)

Mr. HENDERSON: Oh, yes sir, this is just commenting on the results for the year and endeavouring to explain to you the reasons for the increases.

Now on paragraph 34 and running through to paragraph 43 we have—

Mr. WINCH: Are you cutting 18?

Mr. HENDERSON: Paragraph 18, Mr. Winch?

Mr. WINCH: Yes, I would like to ask, Mr. Chairman, on paragraph 18, if I could recommend that you ask the steering committee to consider whether or not a recommendation should be made to the general committee on calling the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation officials before us relative to their expenditures and changes as related to policy. I just ask that this be considered by the steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: At the next meeting of the steering committee I will bring that to their attention and report back to the committee. I realize this is an important matter but this committee should consider it.

Mr. BALLARD: Mr. Chairman, again referring to Section 18 there have been suggestions from various places that the CBC be made into a crown corporation. Could Mr. Henderson tell me, first of all, whether it would be proper for this Committee to make such a suggestion and, secondly, what effect would it have on the presentation in public accounts if the CBC were made a crown corporation?

Mr. HENDERSON: Well, Mr. Ballard, the CBC is a crown corporation now and is categorized and provided for as such by the Financial Administration Act. Its annual accounts are prepared in the usual corporate form. I am the auditor of