

Hon. Mr. HELLYER: Have you any idea of the number of certifications on those accounts?

Mr. SELLAR: The amount involved, so far as the government is concerned, was small. All accounts had not been sent forward.

Hon. Mr. HELLYER: I am not talking about the amount of money, but the number of certifications on the accounts.

Mr. SELLAR: Oh yes, you had the usual number; you had the provincial deputy minister and so on.

Hon. Mr. HELLYER: If, in fact, you had the usual number of certifications, and yet you use this as a criterion of the validity of the accounts, other than the rubber stamp that is affixed by the province, how can you justify the amount being in fact all right?

Mr. SELLAR: Well, every man who certifies has a responsibility. They cross-check each other in the field, and that is the only place where you can make a cross-check. If the engineers in the field are good, they are checking their opposite numbers in the government; if the treasury cost accounting people are good, they are checking the certificate that the provincial auditor signs. That is what I mean. So far as I am concerned, by the time it comes here it is just a mass of paper.

Mr. DRYSDALE: But it has been cross-checked?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes, there is nothing further I can do.

Mr. DRYSDALE: On the ground actually.

Mr. SELLAR: Yes. My only justification for going into it would be that I was suspicious of something.

The CHAIRMAN: Which province has received the largest payment?

Mr. SELLAR: Ontario, naturally. Ontario has received \$41,240,000 and British Columbia has received almost the same, \$40,820,000. Quebec has not received any.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Would you give us the Alberta figure as well?

Mr. SELLAR: All of them?

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): No, the Alberta figure.

Mr. SELLAR: Do you mean the total to date?

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Yes.

Mr. SELLAR: \$17,264,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Under the act what amount remains to be spent on trans-Canada highway?

Mr. SELLAR: Approximately \$94 million. The act appropriates \$250 million to be spent by May 31, 1961.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions, gentlemen?

Mr. PICKERSGILL: Do you happen to have a figure for Nova-Scotia?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes. Do you want the total?

Mr. PICKERSGILL: Yes.

Mr. SELLAR: \$4,793,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Public buildings is also included in paragraph 19. Public building construction in Ottawa is mentioned. Have you a list of the principal public buildings under construction in Ottawa?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes. I have a list. There is the geological surveys building on which we spent \$2,800,000 last year; the science building at the experimental farm, on which \$2,400,000 has been spent; the forest laboratory building of Mines and Technical Surveys, \$1,700,000; the chemical laboratory of Mines and