

Relief Expenditures—

16. Special expenditures for the alleviation of unemployment conditions and of agricultural distress amounted in 1939-40 to \$62,113,000 compared with \$46,896,000 in the previous year. Payments to provinces under the Material Aid and Municipal Improvements Projects agreements amounted to \$19,534,000 compared with Grants-in-aid to provinces the previous year of \$17,037,000. The Dominion's share of joint Dominion-Provincial projects, including transportation facilities into mining areas and the development of tourist highways, increased from \$7,472,000 to \$8,268,000. The total cost of public works and other projects including administration for which

the dominion assumed sole responsibility amounted to \$25,206,000 as compared with \$13,241,000 during the preceding year.

Special drought area relief in the Province of Saskatchewan was confined to the earlier months of the fiscal year, and consequently expenditures under this heading declined from \$9,146,000 in 1938-39 to \$1,605,000 in 1939-40. However, as an offset to this reduction, there was an expenditure during 1939-40 of \$7,500,000 under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939, representing the net cost to the Dominion in connection with the acreage bonuses paid to farmers under the Act.

The following table compares relief expenditures during each of the last two fiscal years:

	1938-39	1939-40
Material Aid to Provinces.....	\$ 17,037,000	\$ 18,291,000
Dominion's share, Municipal Improvements projects.....		1,243,000
Dominion's share of joint Dominion-Provincial projects.....	7,472,000	8,268,000
Dominion Projects—		
Department of Agriculture	3,338,000	3,620,000
" Fisheries	533,000	232,000
" Mines & Resources.....	1,672,000	2,752,000
" National Defence.....	369,000	137,000
" Public Works.....	5,780,000	13,338,000
" Transport	1,076,000	4,296,000
Sundry Departments.....	473,000	831,000
Western Drought Area Relief—		
Direct Relief and Agricultural Relief.....	8,869,000	1,605,000
Foodstuffs.	277,000	
Prairie Farm Assistance Act Net Payments.....		7,500,000
	\$46,896,000	\$62,113,000

17. The following table shows the Dominion's relief expenditures of a direct nature since

the passing of the first Relief Act in 1930:

(000 omitted)

	Direct Relief including Grants-in-Aid	Joint Dominion-Provincial Works and Projects	Dominion Works and Projects	Western Drought Area Relief	Write-off of Provincial Loans	Miscellaneous Relief Expenditures	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Period Sept. 22/30 to Mar. 31, 1935.....	77,767	49,643	29,977	(1) 15,088		3,532	176,007
Year ended Mar. 31/36.....	26,570	10,408	38,132	(2) 4,000		306	79,416
Year ended Mar. 31/37.....	28,931	12,472	27,585	8,751	(3) 18,487	265	96,491
Year ended Mar. 31/38.....	19,530	10,165	13,847	24,586		407	68,535
Year ended Mar. 31/39.....	17,070	7,472	12,919	9,146		288	46,895
Year ended Mar. 31/40 (estimated).....	19,534	8,268	24,919	(4) 9,105	(5) 1,374	287	63,487
Total.....	189,402	98,428	147,379	70,676	19,861	5,085	530,831

(1) Includes \$5,000,000 Province of Saskatchewan Treasury Bills written off and charged to expenditure.

(2) Represents Province of Saskatchewan Treasury Bills written off and charged to expenditure.

(3) Written down to non-active assets as of March 31, 1937, and written off during 1939-40.

(4) Includes net cost to the Dominion under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act 1939, \$7,500,000.

(5) Write off of Saskatchewan Treasury Bills re 1934-35 Drought Area Relief.

In the above table no account is taken of loans to Western Provinces under Relief Acts,

loans to cover labour cost of special railway works programmes and losses borne by the