

expenditure for the year would be about \$7,125,000,000, or \$233,000,000 more than in the preceding year, an increase of a little more than 3%. It is interesting to follow the trend of increases in expenditures over past years, and a table of the history for ten years is appended. This year's percentage increase in federal expenditures should also be viewed in relation to the 8% increase in the Gross National Product of Canada for the current calendar year over the preceding year, as currently estimated.

22. In the course of its deliberations, your Committee considered the place of Crown corporations and agencies with relation to the Estimates. Some of them do not appear in the Estimates at all and others appear with inadequate information. Having in mind that the purpose of the Estimates is to enable Parliament to scrutinize the financial operations of government, your Committee believes it would be useful on another occasion to examine the financial statements of one or more Crown corporations and to give the managements thereof the opportunity to testify as to their operations. Your Committee would be prepared to undertake such action if the Senate in the future should deem this advisable.

23. Your Committee desires to record its thanks and its appreciation for the evidence submitted by those senior officials of government who appeared before it and their courtesy and co-operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

T. D'ARCY LEONARD,
Chairman.

Table of Percentage Increases of Federal Government Expenditures
Over Preceding Year, Covering Period 1955 - 1965

Fiscal Year ending March 31	Budgetary Expenditures (in millions)	Increase between years
1965	7125 (est)	3%
1964	6892	5%
1963	6571	1%
1962	6521	9%
1961	5958	4%
1960	5703	6%
1959	5364	5%
1958	5087	5%
1957	4849	9%
1956	4433	4%
1955	4275	