

program does not reach its conclusion until April 15. I have figures here with respect to the municipal winter works incentive program up to February 11. It must be borne in mind that these are estimates. Yesterday I was able to give our exact expenditures, and these figures will be much higher. I might say in explanation that our experience over the years has been that our actual payments are somewhere in the neighborhood of 65 to 70 per cent of the estimates. I will give you the estimates based on the—

Mr. DYMOND: These are taken from the applications made by the municipalities. I make that explanation, because we have no responsibility at this stage for the figures they submit.

Mr. HEREFORD: The figures are: Bristish Columbia, \$4,548,000; Alberta, \$4,324,000; Saskatchewan, \$3,486,000; Manitoba, \$1,340,000; Ontario, \$11,808,000; Quebec, \$32,875,000; New Brunswick, \$756,000; Nova Scotia, \$636,000; Prince Edward Island, \$670,000; Newfoundland, \$471,000; Northwest Territories, \$81,000; Indian Bands, \$201,000.

That comes to a total of \$61,196,000. There may be a slight difference because of some rounding-off in the figures, but the total is—

Senator PEARSON: Why is there such a tremendous difference in the amount for the province of Quebec as compared with the amounts for the other provinces?

Mr. HEREFORD: As was pointed out by Mr. Dymond there is the added incentive provided by the provincial Government.

Senator KINLEY: Has your department any economic interest in Expo '67?

Mr. DYMOND: No, no financial interest.

Senator KINLEY: Therefore, part of the money that goes to Quebec is not absorbed by preparation for the centennial?

Mr. DYMOND: There may be some works that could be related to the centennial.

Senator KINLEY: Prince Edward Island seems to be in the forefront with respect to these figures.

Senator RATTENBURY: It is about the same as Nova Scotia.

Senator McCUTCHEON: I did not hear Mr. Hereford's reply as to why Quebec was absorbing more than half the estimate.

The CHAIRMAN: We dealt with this yesterday, Senator McCutcheon.

Senator McCUTCHEON: I was in bed yesterday.

The CHAIRMAN: We are glad to see you back today. Quebec gives a bonus in addition to the federal subsidy to municipalities in connection with these works. Ontario, for example, gives 25 per cent and Quebec gives 40 per cent. These are nondesignated areas, and in the case of designated areas—

Mr. DYMOND: The federal grant is 60 per cent and the provincial is 40 per cent to make up a total of 100 per cent of the cost.

Senator KINLEY: In Prince Edward Island when constructing the buildings in Charlottetown in connection with the Centennial, had you anything to do with that?

The CHAIRMAN: This had nothing to do with the winter works program.

Senator KINLEY: But I wonder if it had been begun in winter what would have been the situation?

Mr. DYMOND: If, for example, the city put in street lighting—I don't know whether they did or not, but if they did this could have been under our program.

Senator KINLEY: I know there was quite some trouble with winter works.