

	Fiscal year results expressed in thousands of dollars	
	1978	1977
(c) Investment by the government in the corporation at fiscal year end.	\$ 9,844,912	\$ 9,659,700
(No write-offs were effected by special vote to delete debts appearing in the Public Accounts)		

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC—COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

Question No. 261—**Mr. Herbert:**

Did the government sign an agreement with the government of the province of Quebec on community services similar to the two year agreement signed on March 15, 1979, by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs and the Ontario housing minister and (a) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the agreement (b) if not, have any discussions been held with a view to concluding an agreement and, if so, on what date did the discussions take place?

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):** I am advised by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

The Government of Canada signed an agreement on the Community Services Contribution Program with the government of Quebec on May 18, 1979. This agreement was signed by the Minister of Public Works and is similar to the agreement on the Community Services Contribution Program signed with the other provinces. The ministers of municipal affairs and intergovernmental affairs signed on behalf of the government of Quebec. In February, 1980, amendments to the agreement were negotiated to simplify operating procedures.

Under the two year agreements, the Government of Canada will provide up to \$47.1 million for the 1979 program year and \$78.45 million for the 1980 program year to assist Quebec municipalities in the provision of needed community services. Canada will transfer these funds to the province in the fiscal year following each program year, upon receipt of certified statements of account. The first payment to Quebec respecting claims in the first program year will be made shortly. The province, in turn, will reimburse the municipalities for eligible expenditures incurred as per the certified statements of account.

The province is responsible for the administration of the program to municipalities, and, within broad limits, has full flexibility in determining the use and allocation of funds within the province. However, the agreement ensures that the Government of Canada receives full recognition and publicity for its efforts in providing funding assistance.

POST OFFICE—CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Question No. 543—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, what contracts for professional services were let for studies, surveys and analyses into (a) present or future policies, programs or information analysis and their efficiency and effectiveness (b) the examination of the administration or internal operation of the Post Office Department?

2. How much was committed on each contract and to whom?

Order Paper Questions

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):**

1. (a) (i) Study of absenteeism encompassing policies and system, development and implementation of an absentee control system
  - (ii) Absenteeism in Post Office facilities study
  - (iii) Feasibility study—new service concepts
  - (iv) Standing offer agreement for the provision of comprehensive consulting services in the field of marketing research.
  - (b) (i) Feasibility study of maintenance training facilities
  - (ii) Engineering and property management study
  - (iii) Marketing courier services by the private sector
  - (iv) To provide professional communication resources, to produce audio-visual presentations, illustrating major elements in the Post Office's thrust to improve organizational effectiveness, increase job satisfaction and enhance the working environment
  - (v) To provide special expertise to the public affairs branch in preparing information for communication within the postal headquarters executive community
2. (a) (i) Industrial Health Assistance Ltd. \$11,326.42
  - (ii) Industrial Health Assistance Ltd. \$22,500.00
  - (iii) Ducros, Meilleur, Roy & Associates Ltd. \$ 3,945.78
  - (iv) Mr. Paul R. Croker & Associates \$32,000.00
  - (b) (i) ARA Consultants Ltd. \$16,300.00
  - (ii) Hickling-Johnston Ltd. \$ 4,500.00
  - (iii) Mr. William V. Baker \$ 2,500.00
  - (iv) Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby \$10,000.00
  - (v) Eric Miller Consulting Group Ltd. \$21,474.17

FARMERS—N.B.—ASSISTANCE IN DAIRY PRODUCTION

Question No. 599—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1977, what amount was paid to farmers in New Brunswick to assist with dairy production?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** A total of \$7,192,641 in subsidies was paid by the Canadian Dairy Commission to dairy farmers in New Brunswick.

ENVIRONMENT—UNIROYAL PLANT—EDMONTON—PLANT EFFLUENT INTO SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

Question No. 793—**Mr. de Jong:**

1. Did the Department of the Environment take any action with regard to the discharge of plant effluent from the Uniroyal plant in Edmonton into the Saskatchewan River and, if so, what action was taken?

2. What were the readings of the chemical contents of such effluent?

3. Does the government feel it has jurisdiction to act on such environmental matters where interprovincial movement of pollutants is concerned?

4. Were any charges laid and, if not, are charges to be laid?

5. What are the long term ramifications of such carelessness?

6. What steps have been taken to ensure that this will not occur again?