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this year compared with \$800,000 last year. This program has been accelerated for employment reasons particularly in the winter time, as some of the work is suited to that period of the year. The work planned for this year on this project is to continue the development of a new stretch of the main parkway from Gamelin boulevard to join the Fortune lake parkway, to grade a section of the parkway from Old Chelsea to the Fortune lake parkway, to provide access to the latter and to survey and grade stretches of the road beyond the Fortune lake parkway as a continuation of the western arm of the Gatineau parkway system.

The next largest item of expenditure is that for the relocation of railway facilities in Ottawa and vicinity. It had been hoped to achieve agreement by this time with the railway companies for the joint operation of railway facilities in and around the city of Ottawa. Negotiations for this purpose have not yet been completed, as the committee knows. The \$500,000 included for a limited program is about all that is possible this year pending the main agreement. Most of the other items in this year's budget are continuations of projects that have been in process for the last year or several years, and for that reason I do not intend to refer to them.

However, there are two new projects which I think I should bring to the attention of the committee. The first is a contribution to the city of Ottawa toward the cost of the Bronson avenue bridge across the Rideau canal and the F.D.C. driveways along that canal. Agreement has been reached with the city under which the F.D.C. will contribute 40 per cent of the total cost of this project, or approximately \$640,000 of the total estimated cost of \$1,600,000. I think the committee will agree that this is a fair division of costs bearing in mind the responsibilities of the federal government both in relation to the driveways and the canal over which the bridge must pass.

There is a further new project involving an amount of \$75,000 for the first section of the eastern parkway. This is a major project, most of which will not be constructed for some years but the property for which has already been largely acquired. The commission has decided that it would be wise to construct as soon as possible the section between the Montreal road and the Ogilvy road to assist in solving the serious traffic problems in that general neighbourhood which have arisen partly as a result of the development of federal buildings in the area. It will also enable effective use to be made of the eastern end of the Queensway now under construction.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

Another item of construction involving an amount of \$100,000 is for water and sewer facilities for lands owned by the commission in the industrial areas near Hurdman's bridge. Eventually some \$500,000 will be invested in facilities for these industrial lands, and when they have been serviced the lands will be sold for industrial purposes or exchanged for lands owned by industries or businesses relocated in pursuance of the national capital plan.

Finally, there is an item involving funds to be loaned to the commission under the authority of vote 509 to acquire lands for parks, parkways and industrial sites in and around Ottawa and Hull, these lands being required to carry out the agreement reached among the commission and the federal government and the province of Ontario and the city of Ottawa for the construction of the Queensway, as well as for lands to be purchased in the green belt.

When the new legislation has been proclaimed, if passed by the other place, and the acquisition of property in the green belt proceeds in accordance with the policy which I placed before the house on June 18, it may be expected that the expenditures for such land will increase substantially. Additional lending authority is being asked by a further supplementary estimate to which I made reference when questioned the other day on this matter. The additional amount is \$4.5 million in supplementary vote No. 509 for the purchase of property, and the additional appropriation is to provide for interest during the current year on these loans pending the determination of the rentals to be received by the commission from the leasing of these properties.

I have made this rather complete statement on the items with which I have dealt so the committee will have reasonably full information, the fullest I have been able to give, respecting those items which in particular are different from other years.

Mr. McIlraith: In view of the discussion on August 14 when the legislation dealing with the establishment of a new national capital commission was before the house, I do not have a great deal more to say today. There are one or two small points on which I desire some information, and I think it would be as well if I asked the questions I had in mind on item 314, which is the one now before us.

I wanted to be clear, first of all, about the latter part of the Prime Minister's statement this morning when he referred to item 509. As I understand it, that further supplementary estimate to which he made reference, but which is not yet before the committee,