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APPENDIX "I"

(Answers to Questions asked in the Senate, November 5, 1964)

Question by Senator Brooks:

"I notice in Supplementary Estimates (B) the Dominion Coal Board vote .. for \$1.00 Subventions were paid in the past few years to move coal from Alberta to Vancouver but I do not see any mention of that here. Possibly it has been dropped. The honourable senator may be able to give some more information in that connection."

Answer:

Vote 75b provides for annual payments not exceeding \$18,000,000 for a period of five years to be made "in connection with the movements of coal in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Governor-in-Council" This is practically the same wording as has been voted on annually for many years.

Order in Council P.C. 1962/462, as amended by P.C. 1962/1509, provides for assistance on coal from Alberta moving presently through Vancouver for export to Japan. The assistance provided is the amount necessary to make the Canadian coal competitive up to a maximum of \$3.15. No change is contemplated in this regard although the amount of coal to be shipped may vary to meet changes in the competitive situation.

In 1963/64 some 845,590 tons moved under these Regulations at an average cost of \$3.19 per ton. It is estimated that this year some 950,000 tons will move at an average cost of about \$2.80 per ton.

Question by Senator Brooks:

"Other large amounts in Supplementary Estimates (B) occur in the Department of Labour Estimates \$50,300,000 I would ask the honourable senator the purpose of this item He may also be able to say how much is to be spent in each province." (Hansard page 1059)

Answer:

This amount provides for the continuation during 1964-65 of:

- (a) The Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program .\$35,000,000
- (b) The Winter House Building Incentive Program .. 15,000,000
- (c) Administrative costs associated with (b) above .. 360,000

\$50,360,000

(a) In respect of the Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program, the Department of Labour reports that:

On the basis of final claims to October 31, 1964, (\$28 million) it is estimated that 207,000 men have been employed and 3,700,000 man days of work have been provided as a direct result of projects undertaken during the 1963/64 program.

Further payments of \$5 million are anticipated.

These figures are for on site employment. The department has no figures available for indirect employment resulting from the provision of material and supplies for these projects.

Details follow: