

Senator ROEBUCK: It was very unfair to leave it just like that.

The CHAIRMAN: Senator Denis.

Senator DENIS: Does the payroll take into account the regular employees of the municipality or only those that are unemployed? In other words does it mean that the number of projects would depend on the number of unemployed in a municipality? If there is no unemployment in a municipality there is no point in that municipality asking for assistance for a winter works program? Perhaps you can give us the number of projects presented to the federal Government by each province and then give us the number of projects refused by the federal Government because they did not fit into the regulations under the act. I would like to know the number of projects presented to the Government by each province, the number that have been rejected and the reasons for the rejection. In one area of Ontario during the campaign I was asking one of the organizers what about the winter works program and if it helped, and his answer was, "We don't need it because we have no unemployment. As a matter of fact if there was another hundred men in the municipality we would hire them right away." They are not interested in the program. Would it be possible to have the number of projects for a complete year for each province and the number that were rejected?

Mr. HERFORD: I can give you that information but I am not too sure it will illustrate what you have in mind. I should explain first of all that the statistics we maintain are based according to applications received for a municipality. An application might cover one project or it might cover half a dozen. In that instance we might accept five and reject one. The application itself would be shown as having been approved. In other words there would have to be an adjustment to it. The only figures I have on that deal with applications received, the numbers approved for each province and the numbers rejected. I would add that the numbers rejected are rather small when compared with the total applications. I can give it to you for this winter up to date, that is mid-February, if that would be acceptable to you.

Senator DENIS: What I have in mind is, for example, with relation to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. If they have more projects—if they have 100 projects and all are approved you cannot blame the Government for not spending more money on winter works programs in those provinces.

Senator HOLLETT: Let us get the figures on record.

Mr. HERFORD: Starting with British Columbia for the current winter up to February 11.

<i>Provinces</i>	<i>Applications Approved</i>	<i>Applications Refused</i>
British Columbia	368	None
Alberta	601	2
Saskatchewan	858	3
Manitoba	163	1
Ontario	822	3
Quebec	2,062	52
Nova Scotia	69	None
Prince Edward Island	89	1
Newfoundland	83	None
Northwest Territories	56	None

Indian Bands have submitted 46 applications and there were no refusals.

Senator DENIS: You did not mention New Brunswick.

The CHAIRMAN: You cannot get away with that.