

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: These are the details of the \$65,721,700. Are there any questions in regard to that section?

Hon. Mr. STEWART: I might ask in regard to purchases of equipment under the contribution act of the government of last year for the relief of unemployment. Does that help you in the coming year? Will it reduce the amount that you would otherwise have to provide? What I mean, is it going to help you in this statement in the coming year, or do you contemplate spending a similar amount?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: I do not quite understand, Mr. Stewart.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Parliament made provision for the relief of unemployment under the special supplementary estimates for the purchase of new equipment.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Last year?

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: No, nothing made for the purchase of railway equipment. What provision was made was made as a contribution to the maintenance of way.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Fixing up the road, etc.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Was not there some special—

Hon. Mr. HOWE: In 1935 there was some equipment purchased.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Had you not in 1936 something along the same line with regard to the purchase of equipment?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: No, nothing.

Mr. KINLEY: It was worked out in 1936?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Some delivered in 1936, yes.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: I remember the figures in 1936, and I remember going over something like that. I thought it was made in 1936.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Out of the public works appropriation in 1935, some of the payments were made in 1936. I think it was all paid for in last year's budget; nothing in the new budget.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: The point remains the same, whether this appropriation will affect your expenditures during the coming year in the same connection.

Mr. HUNGERFORD: I suppose we will need more equipment in the future under the requirements of traffic.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Then, with regard to the deferred maintenance of roadway operations in the last year; will that reduce your commitments or your necessary expenditures during this year? Have you overtaken it or will you have to have some assistance on that?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: Most of the work done in connection with the maintenance program last year was of a character that we could have carried forward and done a little bit later. Undoubtedly we will have some benefit from it. How much is problematical.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: How does the proposed expenditure this year on the maintenance of roadway compare with last year?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: Somewhat reduced.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: Reduced this year?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: Yes.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: I assume that would be because of the work done last year under the special appropriation, to some extent at least?

Mr. HUNGERFORD: To some extent, but possibly not to a very great extent.