

of beautification in the interest of the nation. If we also wish to set an example of harmony and national unity, it will be necessary to preserve the ethnic character of the existing population and the distinctive character of its institutions to show the Canadian people and others a particularly harmonious solution that is in keeping with the Canadian character. Therefore all possible means must be employed to bring about this state of affairs and give the municipalities the means to preserve a natural beauty of their region and to beautify their lands and harmonize their development. This development must not be hypothetical and problematical, but it must be directed.

(6) I believe that there is a large gap in the Master Plan for the National Capital and that it has not been sufficiently taken into account these local financial problems.

XX—TABLE OF F.D.C. GRANTS PAID TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF STE. CECILE DE MASHAM

Received in August 1952	\$1,054.40 for 1951	rate: 16 mills. Assess. \$ 65,900.00
Received on Oct. 15, 1953	1,120.30 for 1952	rate: 17 mills. Assess. \$ 65,900.00
Received Nov. 2, 1954	1,202.91 for 1953	rate: 17 mills. Assess. \$ 69,050.00
Received Aug. 30, 1955	1,658.48 for 1954	rate: 16 mills. Assess. \$103,650.00

According to this table, the municipality has not yet received anything to compensate for taxes in 1955 and it can be seen that the F.D.C. always pays its grants a year or rather a year and a half in arrears, for the taxpayers are required to pay in the spring of that year, whereas the F.D.C. pays them in the fall of the following year. If the F.D.C. were a taxpayer, we would be obliged to charge it interest on the arrears; it is another privilege which it has of not being taxable and of not paying interest like the rest of us small property owners. If it were taxable, the F.D.C. would be the largest taxpayer in Ste. Cecile de Masham.

That is a situation which greatly complicates the bookkeeping in the municipality of Ste. Cecile de Masham and which makes the auditing difficult.

N.B. Since the preparation of this table, the grant for 1955 has just been paid to the municipality of Ste. Cecile de Masham.

XXI—TABLE OF GRANTS PAID BY THE F.D.C. TO THE SCHOOL COMMISSION OF STE. CECILE DE MASHAM

<i>Date received:</i>	<i>Period covered:</i>	<i>Amount received:</i>
August 5, 1952	1951-52	\$1,867.50
October 23, 1953	1952-53	1,544.38
November 2, 1954	1953-54	1,988.63
October 4, 1955	1954-55	2,267.50

As can be seen in the above table, no grant was paid during the school year 1950-51. That situation does not seem right to me, because six months of 1951 were not covered by grants, whereas the F.D.C. covered that year completely for purposes of municipal grants.

Here, too we find the same delay as with the municipal grants, and the same inconveniences. On the other hand, we note the same privileged position of the F.D.C. of paying no interest and paying one year and a half later than the taxpayers of the locality are required to pay.

N.B. Since the preparation of the above table, the 1955 grant has been paid to the municipality of Ste. Cecile de Masham.