

Mr. HUMPHRYS: Coal used within the maritime provinces, yes, for the generation of electricity.

Mr. AIKEN: Does it include only the maritime provinces?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: Yes.

Mr. AIKEN: So that coal mined in Nova Scotia but used in one of the other maritime provinces would receive this subvention?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: That is correct.

Mr. AIKEN: And in how many other provinces is it used?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Mr. AIKEN: There are just the two provinces that are involved?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: That is right.

Mr. HALES: How is the subvention paid? I suppose a cheque is issued to—

Mr. HUMPHRYS: —to the Nova Scotia Power Commission or the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. They are responsible to distribute the subvention to the consumers. It is in the form of rate adjustment or rate rebates.

Mr. HALES: And it is paid on an inventory of the coal used?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: Yes, records on the consumption of coal.

Mr. HALES: And what control or check do you have on that?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: The control is by virtue of the records of the metered consumption or generation of power, and this is submitted on monthly reports by the Power Commissions from all the power plants that are using coal, and these are audited.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Mr. BOWER: I just have one question. If coal from New Brunswick were used in the power thermal plant in Newfoundland, would that plant get the benefit of the subvention?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: That would be eligible, yes.

Mr. BOWER: In other words, it is interchangeable throughout?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: That is right.

Mr. McCUTCHEON: But it is only being used by two at the moment?

Mr. HUMPHRYS: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? Shall Item 15 carry?

Item 15 agreed to.

We will now call vote L40 which, I believe, will involve the same two officials. This vote is on page 547, and it is as follows:

Advances in accordance with agreements entered into pursuant to the Atlantic Provinces Power Development Act, \$17,500,000.

Mr. DROLET: This large amount of money, \$17.5 million, really concerns the long term loans in order to construct thermal electric power plants and high