

Senator ISNOR: What you are saying is that the provinces which show such small amounts have not co-operated to the same extent as the other provinces?

Senator RATTENBURY: Have been unable to do so?

Mr. DYMOND: This is not necessarily a matter of co-operation. Some municipalities cannot afford it.

Senator BROOKS: I understood Mr. Dymond to say that some municipalities were so poor they could not borrow. I would think they would need the most help in regard to their unemployment position. Is that correct?

Mr. DYMOND: To answer that question, let me return to the original intent of the program. It was designed for municipalities which were providing employment, either through contractors or through their own employees, on construction work. The intent of the program is simply to shift around, as between summer and winter, the amount of employment that they were going to do anyway, so that there would be more employment in the winter and relatively less in the summer, which is the peak period of the construction industry.

Some municipalities are doing more construction and more capital work and have a greater capacity to do this sort of thing.

This program has quite an effect on those municipalities which do a lot of construction work, and much less effect in those municipalities which are not doing much construction work regardless of how many unemployed they have in general as a municipality.

Senator BROOKS: The opportunity for providing work was limited in some parts and in others it was not?

Mr. DYMOND: That is right, due to their own resources basically, outside of this program. This was simply to induce, to provide an incentive to municipalities to shift work out of the summer months and into the winter months. I think that many municipalities have used it to create work that they were not going to do because of the lack of funds.

The CHAIRMAN: Senator Haig.

Senator HAIG: Does a project, to be accepted by the federal Government, have to be completed within a specific period, that is started and ended within a specific period?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: In principle, yes. There may be exceptions if for one reason or another there is a delay which cannot be avoided.

Senator HAIG: They can start in the winter months and then continue into the summer?

Hon. Mr. MARCHAND: I think there is a limit at the 30th of May.

Mr. HEREFORD: It is generally required that the work be completed within the six months, but some preliminary work is permitted in some types of construction.

Senator HAIG: So that is the reason why the streets of Winnipeg are chocked up during the wintertime.

The CHAIRMAN: Senator Roebuck.

Senator ROEBUCK: I asked the first question as to the disparity between Ontario and Quebec in the amount of \$6 million in the first case and in the amount of \$24 million in the second. It was well answered so far as Quebec was concerned but perhaps it is unfair to Ontario if the question is not completed. What does Ontario do to benefit provincially or municipally by way of supplementing the grants in the same way as Quebec was doing?

Mr. HEREFORD: Ontario contributes 25 per cent of payroll costs and 30 per cent in the special areas.