

istration of the Act the Minister is authorized to enter into agreements with the several provinces for the expenditure of the \$20,000,000 appropriated under the Act, either for the purpose of immediate relief or for assisting local public works undertaken to provide employment. The sum of \$4,000,000 was set aside to provide for the payment to municipalities of one-third of their expenditures in the direct relief of persons for whom work could not be procured, the Provincial Governments and the municipalities each being required to assume responsibility for one-third of the expenditure for this purpose.

In regard to public work undertaken for the relief of unemployment the regulations provide that agreements should be made between the Minister and the Provincial Governments whereby the municipalities would pay one-half the total expenditures on public works undertaken by them, the Dominion and Provincial Government concerned each contributing one-fourth of the total amount. Exception is made where municipalities, by reason of recent abnormal expenditures for unemployment relief, are unable to bear half the cost of such public works. All agreements under the Act must be in accordance with the principles contained in the Fair Wages and Eight-Hour Day Act, 1930.

Agreements have been entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian National Railways whereby there will be expended by these railway companies a sum of approximately \$26,000,000 in the performance of certain works and the purchase of certain material over and above the normal expenditure of the said railways, such works to be commenced immediately and to be completed within the next fifteen months. As compensation to the said railway companies the Dominion agrees to pay out of the amount appropriated by the Unemployment Relief Act interest at the rate of 5 p.c., calculated for a period of 18 months, on the total estimated cost of the works.

A grant of \$500,000 has also been made to the Railway Grade Crossing Fund, from which fund, under the provisions of the Railway Act, contributions are made for the purpose of obviating dangerous level crossings, in order to provide employment.

The following summary will show the standing of the appropriation as at Dec. 31, 1930.

**21.—Unemployment Relief Allotments and Commitments under the Unemployment Relief Act, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1930.**

Province.	Allotment.	Dominion Commit- ments Approved.	Balance Unallotted.	Total Cost of Public Works.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	90,000	77,000	13,000	174,000
Nova Scotia.....	700,000	625,878	74,122	2,104,339
New Brunswick.....	500,000	203,150	296,850	406,300
Quebec.....	2,850,000	2,685,802	164,198	9,721,350
Ontario.....	3,850,000	2,843,920	1,006,080	13,541,147
Manitoba.....	900,000	768,693	131,307	2,348,432
Saskatchewan.....	1,000,000	457,247	542,753	1,565,291
Saskatchewan (Drought Area).....	500,000	500,000	-	500,000
Alberta.....	900,000	882,484	37,516	2,667,536
British Columbia.....	900,000	777,759	122,241	2,427,170
Yukon.....	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
Direct Relief.....	4,000,000	5,000	3,995,000	-
Grade Crossing.....	500,000	500,000	-	1,239,360
Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.....	863,550	863,550	-	11,514,000
Canadian National Rys.....	882,412	882,412	-	14,159,408
Balance.....	1,444,038	-	1,444,038	-
Administration.....	100,000	5,235	94,765	-
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>12,075,138</b>	<b>7,921,870</b>	<b>62,388,328</b>