

of Marine. Under the regulations governing the administration of the Act the Minister was 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 provided 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 was made where municipalities, by reason of recent abnormal expenditures for unemployment relief, were unable to bear half the cost of such public works. All agreements under the Act were in accordance with the principles contained in the Fair Wages and Eight-Hour Day Act, 1930.

Agreements were entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian National Railways whereby these railway companies agreed to expend 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. As compensation to the said railway companies the Dominion agreed 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 was also 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, 1931.

20.—Unemployment Relief Allotments and Commitments under the Unemployment Relief Act, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1931.¹

Province, etc.	Allotment.	Dominion Commitments Approved.	Balance Unallotted.	Total Cost of Public Works.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	30,000	30,000	-	215,964
Nova Scotia.....	700,000	699,550	450	2,338,875
New Brunswick.....	500,000	500,000	-	1,454,255
Quebec.....	2,850,000	2,846,448	3,552	10,085,100
Ontario.....	3,850,000	3,850,000	-	15,556,127
Manitoba.....	900,000	899,996	4	2,581,863
Saskatchewan.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	2,890,058
Saskatchewan (drought area).....	500,000	500,000	-	1,014,545
Alberta.....	900,000	900,000	-	2,751,087
British Columbia.....	1,100,000	1,099,907	93	3,435,210
Yukon.....	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
National Parks (Dept. of the Interior).....	37,000	37,000	-	37,000
Banking Nova Scotia Coal.....	50,000	50,000	-	150,000
Grade Crossing Fund.....	500,000	500,000	-	2,445,345
Canadian Pacific Railway Company.....	863,550	863,550	-	11,514,000
Canadian National Railways.....	882,412	882,412	-	13,983,403
Direct Relief.....	4,000,000	3,437,069	562,931	-
Administration.....	100,000	43,062	56,938	-
Totals.....	18,842,962²	18,218,994	623,968	76,472,532

¹ A statement of the fund as at Dec. 31, 1930, will be found at p. 779 of the 1931 Year Book.

² By March 31, 1931, \$1,157,038 of the fund, formerly allotted, had lapsed, thus accounting for the total appropriation of \$20,000,000.