

Expenditure on highways and rural roads in the year ended Mar. 31, 1967, totalled \$1,392,643,000, an amount 10.9 p.c. higher than that for the previous fiscal year; construction expenditures increased by 11.2 p.c. and maintenance costs by 8.4 p.c.

**2.—Construction, Maintenance and General Expenditure on Highways, Rural Roads, Bridges and Ferries, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1966 and 1967**

Item and Province or Territory	1966	1967	Item and Province or Territory	1966	1967
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
<b>Construction</b> .....	<b>884,354</b>	<b>983,688</b>	<b>Administration and General<sup>1</sup>...</b>	<b>64,121</b>	<b>75,525</b>
Newfoundland.....	43,802	26,248	Newfoundland.....	744	754
Prince Edward Island.....	8,108	10,629	Prince Edward Island.....	284	352
Nova Scotia.....	28,744	44,993	Nova Scotia.....	2,303	2,471
New Brunswick.....	30,555	36,988	New Brunswick.....	2,561	2,428
Quebec.....	295,129	298,913	Quebec.....	8,975	10,270
Ontario.....	245,036	264,987	Ontario.....	33,980	42,528
Manitoba.....	37,082	39,039	Manitoba.....	2,590	2,838
Saskatchewan.....	49,024	78,976	Saskatchewan.....	4,493	5,739
Alberta.....	63,971	86,098	Alberta.....	941	968
British Columbia.....	76,601	87,344	British Columbia.....	6,091	5,953
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	6,343	9,473	Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	969	1,054
<b>Maintenance</b> .....	<b>307,553</b>	<b>333,430</b>	<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>1,256,068</b>	<b>1,392,643</b>
Newfoundland.....	11,981	11,607	<b>Distribution of Expenditure—</b>		
Prince Edward Island.....	2,786	3,497	Federal.....	144,733	179,402
Nova Scotia.....	13,958	16,921	Provincial.....	1,006,231	1,101,055
New Brunswick.....	13,496	13,940	Municipal.....	98,388	106,752
Quebec.....	87,188	89,014	Other.....	6,717	5,433
Ontario.....	81,279	94,104			
Manitoba.....	9,915	11,790			
Saskatchewan.....	15,203	13,386			
Alberta.....	27,541	29,205			
British Columbia.....	35,921	40,341			
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	8,284	9,626			

<sup>1</sup> Includes federal administrative costs re Trans-Canada Highway amounting to \$190,000 in 1965-66 and \$170,000 in 1966-67.

**Federal-Provincial Road Assistance Programs.**—There are various programs existing between the Federal Government and the provinces relating to highway and road construction, the co-ordination of which is the responsibility of the federal Minister of Transport who reports to Parliament on federal road policy. When major programs of assistance have been decided upon, their implementation is undertaken either by the Department of Public Works or by the sponsoring Department.

*The Trans-Canada Highway.*—The original federal-provincial agreement for construction of the Trans-Canada Highway is given in outline, together with data on specifications and route across the participating provinces, in the 1951 Year Book, pp. 631-634. Construction progress and changes in legislation are reported in subsequent editions.

Under the Act, which became effective Dec. 10, 1949, agreements covering the Federal Government's participation in the cost of construction were entered into with each of the provinces. Construction standards were set and the date of completion fixed. The shortest practicable east-west route was to be designated by each province within its own borders, in agreement on terminal points with adjoining provinces, and those sections within the National Parks were to be the responsibility of the Federal Government. Later amendments to the Act increased the extent of federal financial participation and extended the period in which construction costs might be incurred under the Act to Dec. 31, 1970.

Although construction was still going on in a number of sections, the closing in 1962 of the last major gap—in the Rocky Mountains—made it possible for the first time to drive the entire length of the 4,860-mile route. The Trans-Canada Highway was officially opened on Sept. 3, 1962. Provincial mileages are approximately as follows: Newfoundland,