

who has just spoken, attempts to show that Canadian manufactures will come in free. Twenty years hence Canadian manufactures may come in, but I will not go into that question; why should Canada complain of her goods coming in, what she gains will be more than she loses. She desires a large market for her manufactures, and she must pay us for that; she cannot complain that she is losing by supplying us with her manufactured goods. The Hon. Member for Victoria District (Mr. DeCosmos) says that equalization of labour, and of value of property and productions, will come about. I admit that it may be so, but in my opinion it will not be for some years to come. If there is equalization of labour, there will also be equalization of taxation and offices. The Local Government can look after this when it happens. I do not suppose that Canada will be disposed to look at our terms critically; they are getting this Colony far too cheap; I think \$250,000 is too cheap. The Hon. gentleman (Mr. DeCosmos) says that we should go to Canada and ask \$80,000 per annum, because another Province has the same, and that this Colony, which is larger in extent of territory than the largest of the Provinces, should have \$80,000. But the Hon. gentleman must recollect that we do not produce revenue equal to what the other Provinces produce. With regard to the limit of population for the purposes of representation, I think 400,000 is too small; it ought to have been 1,000,000, not indefinite. 120,000 gives us the right to have eight members to represent us; this is a matter of expediency. There is a fault in the Resolution to which I will draw attention, it is this, that we do not get any increase of Revenue to the Colony until we get a population of over 120,000 persons. We have to calculate what our Revenue will be now under Confederation, and we cannot look for any increase for years to come. Whichever way we look at it, the figures come back to the same thing, we want \$250,000, and there are several ways in which we can get it; in point of fact we ask Canada to lend us that sum of money.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—My proposition would give \$650,000 more than the Government scheme and set free Internal Revenue for local or municipal purposes.

Hon. Mr. HELMCKEN—The Hon. Member wants \$150,000 now, and as the population increases the sum is to decrease.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—We should always have \$150,000, with our present or a greater population.

Hon. Mr. HELMCKEN—The long and the short of the story is, that the two propositions amount to much the same thing. We go to Canada and say we want \$250,000. According to this scheme, Canada will only be out of pocket \$128,000. I say that Canada's expenses will diminish in two years from this time by \$60,000, so that Canada will only be paying \$68,000 a year. This is a very low rate of payment, far too low in my opinion. I say, Sir, that if one thousand miners go to Peace River this year, our revenue will be increased by \$100,000, and if Peace River succeeds, "pans out well," as the saying is, I am quite certain that \$250,000 a year will not purchase this Colony. If Peace River is a failure, Canada may get it.

The Hon. Mr. HOLBROOK said—Sir, I rise to support the motion of the Hon. Attorney-General for the adoption of these clauses. I prefer the scheme put forward by the Government to that suggested by the Hon. Member for Victoria District; it is more statesmanlike, and deals with the subject in a larger manner. I agree with the Hon. Member who has just sat down (Mr. Helmcken) that there is a great probability of our having a large increase of revenue from the Peace River mines. It is impossible at present to form any opinion, beyond mere conjecture, on this head; but still I think we ought to be prepared for the contingency. I believe, Sir, that in a short time the Dominion Government will be drawing a large amount of revenue from this Colony, probably a million, or a million and a half, of dollars, and I am of opinion that provision ought to be made, by which the Province will derive some material advantage from that large increase. The United States Overland Railroad is producing such an effect as to turn California's attention to the Pacific Coast. I should be glad to see a scheme proposed, by which we should get back a part of any such increase of revenue, and if any Hon. Member will bring in an amendment, to secure to us some local advantage out of any such prospective increase of revenue, I will support it: failing such amendment, I am prepared to support the clause as it stands.

The Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS, Member for Lillooet, said—Sir, I rise to support the amendment of my Hon. colleague (Mr. DeCosmos). In my opinion, Sir, the magnificent, bold, and statesmanlike scheme propounded by the Hon. Member for Victoria District (Mr. DeCosmos), has entirely demolished that of the Government. Hon. gentlemen have said much about Peace