

Mr. TURRIFF. We do not get the maximum when we attain a population of 800,000, but when we attain a population of 1,200,000 in each province. When we get the maximum, or a little over \$2,000,000, if the people of the Territories will then be paying as much revenue to the Dominion per capita as they are now, the Dominion government will be receiving from each of these provinces a sum of about \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, so that I do not think the debt of the Dominion will be increased by the subsidy.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. 800,000 is the maximum of the province we are speaking of.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would the Minister of Finance be good enough to give an estimate of the amount that will be required to supply the necessary buildings to carry on legislation?

Mr. FIELDING. There is a clause later on which deals with that, subsection 4, which will be reached in a moment. The whole sum paid to the government of the Territories in 1903 was \$802,466. There are several charges in which the Territories share but the grant to the government itself was that amount.

Mr. SPROULE. Did you not spend a lot on public works in addition?

Mr. FIELDING. The Territories have shared in the various expenditure by the Dominion. I am speaking of the sum paid the territorial government and which was under their control.

Mr. SPROULE. What is the cost of the government there to-day? I remember pointing out last year what we spent. What we gave them to spend reached a little over a million, which would be at least \$600,000 to each of the two. Now we make it \$1,124,000, but this covers the administration of justice and everything else which entails a great deal of additional expenditure. Having regard to what it costs us to govern that country to-day, this is not a very extravagant amount to give them. But ten years hence, when there will be over a million people there, they will be back for a readjustment of their provincial subsidies, which seem to be lavish to-day; and because of this fact we ought to devise some better principles than are embodied in this Bill.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. It would be interesting to have a statement along the lines my hon. friend has mentioned. The government of Canada, by means of an allowance to the government of the Territories and appropriations for public works and otherwise, is spending a certain amount. How does that compare with the amount which the Territories will receive under this Bill? It would be well to have a comparative statement in respect of their house-keeping in that regard. Will they be much

better off, or in the same position or worse off?

Mr. FIELDING. The figures which I gave were taken from the public accounts of 1903, and they show that we paid something over \$800,000 to the government of the Territories in that year. Last year the sum was larger. I think my hon. friend from East Grey is right in saying it was something over a million; and if you add the various charges which the Dominion bears in the Northwest, it will be still more. It is not easy to make up such an account as my hon. friend the leader of the opposition suggests because the Northwest shares in all the expenditure of the various branches of the Dominion service.

Mr. SPROULE. I was referring to those items they will be obliged to provide for the future and which we have provided heretofore.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. How much does the government of Canada provide for the expenditure which must be paid in future by the government of the Territories out of the allowance we make?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The figures I had at the time, given me by the representatives of the Territories, were as follows: The total revenue for the eleven months of their financial year ending the 1st of January, from January to November, was \$1,104,842.07. Of that amount they had received from the Dominion \$961,936.42. Therefore the amount collected from local sources was \$142,905.65. I have since ascertained that the total amount received during the whole year, both from Dominion and local revenues, was \$1,121,000 and their expenditure to the first January last was \$1,053,000.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Will they, under the new conditions, have to provide out of their subsidies to meet expenditures which are now provided for by the federal government in its general administration of Dominion affairs, and how much?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. There are certain expenditures now made by the territorial government, the money being largely supplied to them for that expenditure by the Dominion. Then there are certain other expenditures now made by the Dominion government on account of services that will be under the control of the provincial governments. Take, for instance, civil government. It is estimated that the total amount required to be paid in this connection will be \$101,540, which is based on the actual expenditure by the territorial government. Then they give an estimate of the amount required for legislation. These two amounts are expended directly by the territorial government. To that must be added the administration of justice, part of which is now provided for by the