

to the new provinces? I asked a similar question in regard to clause one, but not in regard to this clause.

Mr. FIELDING. It is made up on the basis of the allowance made to the province of Manitoba some years ago, the sum of \$27.77 per head, the same rate as was allowed Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Afterwards in the re-adjustment in the debt accounts that sum was increased to \$32.43 so that the sum which has been taken in the other provinces was accepted as the basis of this calculation.

Mr. HENDERSON. I did not raise that question but I am very glad that the leader of the opposition has raised it, as it is a matter of information, but I very naturally inferred that the amount of debt of the old provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick as well as Manitoba were all taken into consideration in arriving at this particular sum because it does seem strange that a specific sum of eight millions and some odd hundreds of thousands of dollars should be used. I have no doubt the officers of the Finance Department have gone into a careful calculation embracing the debt of the old provinces of Canada as well as those of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba. I have not attempted to make the calculation but I assume that all these things are considered and on that basis the matter is calculated. We are obliged to take it for granted that that has been done with the utmost care and that whatever has been done has been done with a view to uniformity.

Mr. FIELDING. We have taken the basis of the other provinces and applied it to the estimated population of the new provinces.

Amendment agreed to.

Resolutions, as amended, reported, and read the second time.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved that the resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 69.

Motion agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. The right hon. gentleman has submitted a schedule in connection with the delimitation of the constituencies for local purposes, and has given the number of votes cast at the last general elections. That is very useful, but it would be still more useful if he could give the population. He will say that the population is much larger than it was at the last census, but we would like to have some idea with regard to the formation of those constituencies by population. We should pay some respect to representation by population and should have some estimate of the

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population of the constituencies of the present day.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have no objection to give the population as it was at the last census, but with regard to the actual population, we thought the best method to give an idea of it was to give the number of votes cast. We have no information in the department showing what the population may be at present, but if it is possible to give better information we shall gladly give it.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. There might have been local conditions which prevented the votes in certain districts coming out. If the right hon. gentleman cannot give the population, he could give the number of qualified voters in each district.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. That was the suggestion I was about to make. The right hon. gentleman has not only the number of votes cast but the number of voters registered.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have no objection.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I do not see how you can give the present population but you can give the registration.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What business will be up to-morrow?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Bill No. 69.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

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TUESDAY, May 9, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES— ADDITION OF NAME.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved:

That Mr. Bristol be appointed a member of the following select standing committees: Privileges and Elections, Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, Printing, Public Accounts, Banking and Commerce and Library.

Motion agreed to.

'THE EMIGRATION OF STATE CHILDREN.'

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). I desire to place on the table the reply to the following question of the hon. member for Lennox and Addington (Mr. U. Wilson), which I was unable to answer yesterday. The question is: