

pointed out that against that calculation it must be remembered that the homestead lands had to be administered, and that their administration cost a considerable amount from year to year, and that even if \$3 an acre was considered a fair value for the 50,000,000 acres, the cost of administration of those lands also ought to be deducted. It may be pointed out too,—I think it was pointed out once or twice, that there was a tacit understanding that the Dominion government was going to continue the mounted police force in those two new provinces, which at present means an expenditure of some hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. There were occasional allusions to the fact that it was the intention of the government to continue the immigration policy, which last year I think cost in the neighbourhood of \$600,000 or \$700,000. On the other hand, we had to remember that in addition to these odd numbered sections amounting to 50,000,000 acres, there were considerable areas of timber lands, considerable areas of valuable coal lands, and perhaps some other mineral lands. It was not in the mind of any person taking part in these consultations that we could arrive at any hard and fast understanding of the actual value. The idea was to reach an approximate value by comparing the conditions in the other provinces, and keeping in mind the revenues derived from the public domain by those provinces, and in that way arriving at what would be fair amounts in the way of land subsidies to pay out to these new provinces.

Alluding to the question of values, and having regard to the statement made this afternoon by the hon. member for Calgary (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) and the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Lake), it may not be out

of place for me to recall what I said in speaking on the second reading of the Bill, that up to the present time the Dominion of Canada has not reaped any net revenue from the administration of the public domain in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Some time ago I asked the Deputy Minister of the Interior to have a statement prepared for me in that regard. In my speech of a few weeks ago I gave a resume of this statement and if the committee has no objection I would like the privilege of handing it in full to the 'Hansard,' as it is long, and would take me a considerable time to read.

Mr. FOSTER. That is all right.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I requested a similar privilege some time ago, and the First Minister refused. I must object.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The hon. member (Mr. Sam. Hughes) is right.

Mr. SCOTT. I wish to put in the whole statement. It was sent to me by the deputy minister on the 11th of March. He says:

Inclosure:

Ottawa, 11th March, 1905.

Dear Mr. Scott,—In compliance with the request contained in your note to me of the 6th instant, I beg to inclose you herewith a statement of the approximate revenue and expenditure in connection with Dominion lands in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories from the 1st of July, 1870, to the 30th of June, 1904, and also a statement showing the arrears due the government on account of Dominion lands on the 30th of June, 1904.

Yours very truly,

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister.

Walter Scott, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons, Ottawa.

STATEMENT showing the Arrears due the Government on account of Dominion Lands in Manitoba and the North-west Territories on June 30, 1904.

DOMINION LANDS SALES.			Timber Dues, Grazing Rent, &c.	Grand Total.
Principal.	Interest.	Total Sales.		
\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
280,265 95	85,723 21	365,989 16	14,828 30	380,817 46

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Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

CHAS. H. BEDDOE,
Accountant.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ACCOUNTS BRANCH,
OTTAWA, March 7, 1905.