

Indians. We have exercised every economy, but there has been a great deal of sickness among the Indians, and the bills are large.

Mr. BORDEN. Can you give the items ?

Mr. DALY. I will read you the list :

Name.	District County.	Population.	Amount.
			\$ cts.
E. J. Elderkin, M.D.	1a Annapolis	82	29 95
A. Robinson, M.D.	"	82	44 25
R. J. Ellison, M.D.	1b Digby	183	267 15
E. F. Bowles, M.D.	2 King's	68	2 00
G. A. Smith, M.D.	3 Queen's	85	16 50
Chas. Gray, M.D.	4 Lunenburg	73	147 50
T. Freeman, M.D.	5 Halifax	117	6 00
M. B. A. Smith, M.D.	"	117	26 45
S. Dodge, M.D.	"	117	41 00
T. S. Ford, M.D.	"	117	38 25
T. N. Gourley, M.D.	"	117	26 50
G. D. Turnbull, M.D.	"	117	17 00
F. McMillan, M.D.	"	117	34 50
R. A. Adlington, M.D.	6a Hants.	199	104 75
A. Hawkins, M.D.	"	199	15 26
D. H. Muir, M.D.	6b Colchester	100	85 50
F. A. Rand, M.D.	7 Cumberland	97	71 00
W. D. McKenzie, M.D.	"	97	22 00
J. F. Macdonald, M.D.	8 Pictou		14 00
C. S. Elliott, M.D.	9 Antigonish and Guysborough	160	31 40
J. C. Cameron, M.D.	"	160	182 40
J. A. Macdonald, M.D.	10 Richmond	139	78 95
H. N. Macdonald, M.D.	11 Inverness	144	154 00
John Cameron, M.D.	"	144	117 75
D. McDonald, M.D.	12 Victoria	106	244 00
J. L. Bethune, M.D.	"	106	112 23
D. F. Dinsmore, M.D.	15 Shelburne	47	22 50
C. J. Fox, M.D.	"		20 50
Victoria Hospital			22 71
Executors, Chas. Murray, M.D.			4 00

The amount paid is \$2,000 for a total of 1,806 Indian population in Nova Scotia.

Mr. BORDEN. It seems to me that some of these charges are very large, and I notice that the same names run through the accounts from year to year. In the county of King's, where there are quite a number of Indians, the medical attendance is \$2, and the year before it was \$48. In the county of Digby last year the medical attendance was nearly \$500, and Mr. Ellison figures there as receiving \$311. I see that in the list read by the Minister, his name appears for \$267. I notice in the county of Hants that a Dr. Adlington received \$146.50, and in the list read by the Minister his name figures for a larger amount. Now, taking the county of Digby, it is remarkable to find such a large expenditure for medical attendance and medicine as compared with the relief given to the Indians in other respects. There is nearly \$500 for medical attendance there, while the amount given for blankets was only \$18 ; for flour, \$48 ; for oats and seed, \$6 ; teaming, &c., \$53 ; potatoes, \$16. Now, from some knowledge of the subject, I suggest to the Minister that it would be worth his while to examine somewhat closely into this account for medical fees for Indians in Nova Scotia. I know that in one or two counties some years ago, gross

abuses existed, and when the matter was inquired into and changes were made, the expenditure was reduced from hundreds of dollars down to \$50 in the same locality. I think that if more money were expended in giving these unfortunate people blankets, flour, potatoes, food, &c., it is possible that less money would be required for medical attendance and medicines. I must say that \$500 for medical attendance on the Indians in the county of Digby is altogether too large, unless there was some extraordinary epidemic prevailing there ; but I have not heard of any, although I live not many miles from the county of Digby. This item requires explanation. I merely make these suggestions to the Minister, because I think he will find in that direction reason for inquiry.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is the total Indian population in Nova Scotia ?

Mr. DALY. One thousand, eight hundred and six. In answer to the hon. member for King's (Mr. Borden), I may say that I am not myself familiar with the facts in relation to the expenditure for medicine in Digby, but I find we paid \$267 to Dr. Ellison. By the report of the agent, it appears that there has been much sickness on the reserve during the winter ; that