

\$642,913, an increase under this administration of more than half a million dollars. But, for the little that hon. gentlemen opposite spent in 1896 they had nothing to show, except that certain immigrants came into the country and travelled through our country to the United States. To-day we can point with pride to a record of 100,000 people coming into the Northwest every year, adding vastly to the wealth of the territories and to the wealth of the whole Dominion. When my hon. friend speaks of the expenditure on immigration as something to be condemned, I tell him it is something that every member of this government and every supporter of this government means to speak of from this day on with the utmost pride.

Increased Grants to the Northwest.

We have increased the allowance for the government of the Northwest Territories. In 1896, the sums which the late government provided for the carrying on of the government of the Northwest Territories amounted to \$330,702. We plead guilty to having appropriated for that service last year \$802,466, an increase of \$471,000. We are arraigned by this resolution for having expended that money. We are told that these expenditures are lavish and extravagant. But it is useless to talk about these expenditures in bulk; it is only by going over them item by item as I have done that you can discuss them intelligently. And, when we go to the people of the Northwest Territories, and tell them that, having due regard to the increasing population of that country, recognizing the great needs of that country for development, and voicing the determination of the people and parliament of Canada to deal liberally and generously with the new territory, we do not intend to apologize in the face of the hon. gentleman's motion, for an increase of nearly half a million in the grants to the Northwest Territories. Instead of that, we are providing for a further large increase this year.

All Sections Fairly Treated.

My hon. friend from Pictou (Mr. Bell) did me the honor to allude to some discussion which took place in the Nova Scotia legislature some years ago. He represented that I had alleged that Nova Scotia was not then getting her fair share of Dominion taxation. Well, without entering into the question as at that time, I think it can be fairly said that Nova Scotia to-day is receiving a fair share of the taxation that is collected.

Mr. Haggart.—Hear, hear.

Mr. Fielding.—My hon. friend from South Lannark (Mr. Haggart) endorses that. I am glad I have his endorsation, and I want to have his words taken down in "Hansard." I am going to find them valuable.

Mr. Haggart.—So am I.

Mr. Fielding.—The hon. gentleman says, "so am I." The object is plain. While my hon. friend from Pictou (Mr. Bell) will seek to convey the impression to the people of Nova Scotia that they are being burdened with taxation with-receiving a fair share of the revenue, my hon. friend from South Lanark and others will go into Ontario to try and show that Nova Scotia is getting too much. All these things are foolish. I did not say that one province is getting too much or that it is getting too little. This government is willing to consider the needs and claims of all the provinces. In one department one province gets more, and in another department another province gets more. But if you