

Meanwhile let me mention what Ottawa owes to the civil service. The monthly payroll for the inside service now amounts to \$288,000, or a total for the year of \$3,216,000. Add to this the salaries and wages paid to the large number of men employed in the outside service, the Printing Bureau, the Public Works Department, the Railway Commission, the National Transcontinental Commission, etc., and I venture the statement that the annual salary account paid by the Dominion in Ottawa alone, does not fall far short of \$4,000,000.

THE POLICY OF THE FUTURE

It will have been gathered from these observations that, in my view, Parliament is not treating Ottawa in an over generous manner, considering the many services which the city is rendering to the country. I cheerfully acknowledge that ten years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave us a tangible evidence of his desire to make Ottawa a capital of which every Canadian would be proud. Much has been done; much remains to be done. The day cannot be far distant when a readjustment of relations must take place, and, when it comes, I trust the Government will see its way clear to relieve the Corporation of the cost of the Police work of the city, by an arrangement with the Provincial Government whereby the Dominion and city police forces shall be united, and the whole placed under federal jurisdiction. The cost of the city police this year will be \$72,000, so that if the Corporation of Ottawa were relieved of this obligation it would to some extent meet the objection that the federal authority is not treating the Capital fairly.

THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF OTTAWA

The policing of the city by a federal force, would be the preliminary to what I believe must inevitably come, the setting apart of a federal district embracing Ottawa and Hull, and some of the outlying territory, and governing it by a commission. The Board of Control is the federal commission in embryo. You know well what it has accomplished. Matters never ran as smoothly at the city hall as at present. It has been demonstrated that five men can govern the municipality better than 25, and, in my judgment, three men can do better than five, because thereby the responsibility for mistakes, if mistakes there be, can be brought closer home. While I am not prone to look to the United States for pointers in government, yet I think the constitution of the District of Columbia might be taken as the basis of the constitution of the coming federal district of Ottawa. The creation of a federal district could only be accomplished with the consent of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, as it would involve the withdrawal of a portion of each Province