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Alberta getting more in 1926 than Manitoba? The population of Saskatchewan was larger?

MR. McMASTER: I do not know. Mr. Roberts may be able to explain that.

MR. ROBERTS: There are two items of deduction for swamp lands from the Manitoba subsidy, with no corresponding reduction from Alberta or Saskatchewan; and also, about three-quarters of a million dollars of debt allowance was taken out by Manitoba as cash for purposes of buildings, etc., in the early days, and that reduces its debt allowance on which it draws interest to-day, whereas the other two provinces have their full amount of \$8,000,000 on which they draw interest.

MR. McMASTER: Therefore Manitoba would have got the same in these later years if it had not used up some of its capital?

MR. ROBERTS: Subject to slight variations.

THE CHAIRMAN: If it had not got some of it before.

MR. HUDSON: Subject to variations such as exist between Alberta and Saskatchewan.

MR. PLAXTON: Variations of population.

MR. HUDSON: There is a difference at every census.

MR. McMASTER: Saskatchewan gets more than Alberta. I take it that is due to the fact that the Saskatchewan population is greater than the Alberta. Some of the subsidies are given not on the per capita basis, but as lump sums, and on the principle that "the more the merrier, but the fewer the better fare." The smaller province gets more per capita than does the larger. The province with the lesser population gets more than the province with the larger population.

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