

171. Agricultural implements, cattle, under Treaties No. 4, 6 and 7 (in last year, Nos. 4 and 6 only.....	38,000
172. Provisions for Indians assembled to receive annuities under Treaties Nos. 4, 6 and 7, in last year, Nos. 4 and 6 only.....	37,000

MR. SCHULTZ said there was something radically wrong in the fact that it required this year \$54,000 simply to feed these Indians, while they were present only a couple of days to receive their annuities.

MR. MILLS said the sum was very large; but it was one they were obliged to provide while the Indians were settled on reservations. Those Indians were scattered over an immense extent of country. They had to be provided with means of subsistence when they presented themselves to receive their annuities, which it took two or three days to pay. The actual expenditure for provisions was \$38,884.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Enough to feed an army.

MR MILLS said they were an army, being nearly 20,000 Indians. The supplies had to be carried a distance of several hundred miles, and in some instances a thousand miles over an unsettled country, and it was difficult to have those supplies reach their several destinations at the exact date appointed for the payment of the Indians. It was necessary, in some cases, to obtain supplies from the Hudson Bay Company. The Indians had been told to return to their hunting grounds, and that when the hunting season was over they would receive their agricultural implements. They parted with this understanding, but some parties told them they were being wronged and induced them to return, which caused a great deal of trouble and expense.

Vote agreed to.

173. Ammunition, twine and rifles (Treaties Nos. 4, 6 and 7).....	\$7,000
174. Sioux at Qu'Appelle.....	1,000
175. Surveys for Indian reserves in the North-West.....	35,000
176. For general expenses of the North-West Superintendency..	18,500
177. Salaries of school teachers....	7,000

Miscellaneous Expenditure.

178. To aid Indians' schools in Ontario and Quebec where most required.....	5,000
179. To bring up annuities payable under the Robinson Treaty to the Chippewas of Lakes Huron and Superior, from 96c. to \$4 per head.....	14,000

XXIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

180. Canada Gazette.....	5,000
181. Miscellaneous printing.....	10,000

MR. CARTWRIGHT said he rather thought the chief expenses had occurred. He should say, speaking generally, that the expenditure on public works of late had doubled or trebled, and the necessity for elaborate reports on some of these had largely augmented the sums required for printing. The work of the Minister of the Interior had also increased very largely.

MR. BOWELL said he was under the impression that he had seen the hon. Finance Minister's Budget speech published in pamphlet form, and he was anxious to know what the speeches of the hon. gentleman annually cost the country. He thought the advisability or propriety of publishing, at the expense of the country, a party or a one-sided statement was open to objection. It was not a question whether the old Government pursued the course or not. If the party wished the speech to be printed and circulated, let them pay for it themselves; or, if the present practice was to be continued, then let the reply to the Budget speech be printed with it. Then the country would have an opportunity of forming a judgment upon the matter.

MR. DYMOND said he would like to know which speech gentlemen of the Opposition would wish to give: that of the hon. member for Cardwell (Mr. McCarthy), or that of the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Mitchell), or that of the hon. member for Niagara (Mr. Plumb), who, probably thought his speech the most important of the lot?

MR. McCALLUM said the reports of the Budget speech appeared in the newspapers and in the official *Hansard*. He did not think, therefore, there was