

connection with the management of this particular department. The committee will, perhaps, be surprised when I say that the hon. gentleman in his department pays out for salaries a sum of upwards of \$560,000 a year. \$231,000 is paid out in connection with the Department of the Interior proper; \$273,318 for salaries in connection with the Indian Branch; \$49,450 for the Geological Branch, and \$9,550 in connection with the management of the Mounted Police at the central office.

Mr. DEWDNEY. That is not in my department.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Excluding that there is something over \$550,000 paid out in salaries in connection with the Department of the Interior and Indian Affairs. I am not going to discuss the Lands management to-day at all, but I give the hon. gentleman notice that if we both should have the good fortune to meet here next session of Parliament, I purpose entering into a detailed discussion, which I feel I would not be warranted in doing at this late period of the session, in connection with that branch of the department. Let me call attention to some facts. The head office at Ottawa in connection with Indian matters is represented, as appears in the estimate of appropriations taken, as paying out last year about \$50,000. The head office at Regina, in the North-West Territories, employs 25 persons and costs the country \$31,150. The head office in British Columbia employs 23 persons and costs \$30,860, and the Manitoba agency costs \$5,740. For these four central offices, including the department here, the salaries to 101 persons amount to \$116,125. The outside service in Ontario employs 34 persons, at salaries amounting to \$16,656, and in Quebec 12 persons are employed in the outside service at a cost of \$3,000. The medical branch disbursements for Ontario and Quebec amount to \$5,930. In this department 63 persons were employed at a cost of \$23,586. In Nova Scotia 18 persons are employed at a cost of \$1,203, in New Brunswick eight persons at a cost of \$1,240, and in Prince Edward Island one person at a cost of \$300; the total number of persons employed in the Maritime Provinces being 27, at an aggregate cost of \$2,743. In the Province of Manitoba, the officials and expenses are divided as follows:—

Agency.	No. of Officials.	Cost.	No. of Indians.
Central Office.....	5	\$ 5,740	.....
Treaty No. 1.....	2	1,950	2,413
do 2.....	1	1,000	760
do 3.....	5	4,150	3,002
do 5.....	2	2,000	3,701
Totals.....	15	\$ 15,840	9,876

This is equal to about \$1.40 paid to the officials for every Indian in Manitoba. I am not complaining that this is an inordinately large expense. On the whole it seems to be about the same as the cost of the Indian management in Ontario and Quebec. It is when we come to the North-West Territories proper that we find an extremely large expenditure for the management of Indian affairs. The head office in the North-West Territories employs 25 persons at salaries amounting in all to \$31,150. Let me speak of the various agencies under each of the three treaties. In Treaty No. 4 the number of

officials, the cost and the number of Indians at the different agencies are as follows:—

Agency.	No. of Officials.	Cost.	No. of Indians.
Birtle.....	3	\$ 2,340	524
Fort Pelly.....	2	1,540	650
Moose Mountain.....	5	2,880	250
Crooked Lake.....	10	4,880	752
File Hills.....	3	2,320	276
Muscowpetung.....	9	5,220	552
Touchwood Hills.....	10	5,000	828
Assiniboine.....	2	1,680	211
Totals.....	44	\$ 25,860	4,043

So that, to take charge of the 4,043 Indians within Treaty No. 4, there are 44 agents, not including those in the Regina office, employed at a cost of \$25,860, which is equal to \$6.39 for every Indian within the limits of the treaty. As the treaty provides for the distribution of \$5 a head amongst the Indians, leaving out the extra sum paid to chiefs and headmen, it costs \$1.29 more to pay the agents employed in the distribution of the fund than the amount of the fund itself. The figures in Treaty No. 6 are as follows:—

Agency.	No. of Officials.	Cost.	No. of Indians.
Duck Lake.....	7	\$ 3,720	663
Carleton.....	4	2,080	1,239
Non-Treaty Sioux.....	.....	624	953
Battleford.....	14	8,150	1,018
Onion Lake.....	2	1,020	660
Saddle Lake.....	3	2,200	711
Edmonton.....	5	3,000	716
Peace Hills.....	5	2,400	554
Totals.....	40	\$23,804	5,561

In Treaty No. 7 the figures are as follows:—

Agency.	No. of Officials.	Cost.	No. of Indians.
Sarece.....	4	\$ 2,760	846
Blackfoot.....	5	3,300	1,479
Blood Reservation.....	10	6,100	1,736
Piegan Reservation.....	5	2,940	974
Totals.....	24	\$15,100	4,947

Taking together the Regina office and the various agencies, we find that to take charge of 13,885 Indians, leaving out the non-treaty Indians and the extra amounts paid to chiefs and headmen, costs \$95,914, or \$6.91 for every Indian—considerably more than the Indians receive. I will first take the cost for a single year,

Mr. DEWDNEY. That is for the management, not including food.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Yes; I am just taking the salaries alone which those officers receive. Really the officers cost us more than the Indians. If we go to British Columbia, we find that the cost of the Indian management there is often even more extravagant than it is in the North-West Territories. I have looked over the number of cattle and sheep, the quantity of grain, the amount of wood and hay and furs, the amount received for labour and freight amongst the Indian population of that district, and I find the total in the year is but \$40,875, or far less than we pay the parties who take charge of these Indians to enable them to produce this amount of crop for the market. I do not wish to do more than briefly sketch what I think is the ex-