

There has thus been an increase of \$477,000 in the expenditure upon agricultural work and upon roads for the facilitating of the labors of the farmers.

This is exclusive of the outlay upon the development of agriculture of \$207,166 paid to the province by the Dominion Government in 1913.

MORE FOR ROADS

The Ross Government agreed to pay a million dollars towards roads in the settled districts. The Whitney Government amended this proposition by offering to pay a sum equal to one-third the sum by municipalities for main county roads, increasing the grant for this purpose. The payments to municipalities in aid of their roads have increased thus:—

1904—Under the Ross Government.....\$ 91,527

1913—Under the Whitney Government..... 288,367

The increase for 1913 over 1904 is just \$196,840.

In 1912 the Government began its aggressive policy of road-making in Northern Ontario. On that service it expended the following sums:—

1912.....\$ 236,833

1913..... 1,063,655

Total..... 1,300,488

So that in the year of 1913 there was spent on agriculture, colonization roads, roads in the settled districts and road-making in New Ontario the following sums:—

Agriculture (from Provincial Treasury).....\$ 693,391

Agriculture (from Dominion Grant)..... 207,165

Colonization Roads..... 406,034

Roads in Settled Districts..... 288,367

Road-making in New Ontario..... 1,063,655

Total..... \$2,658,612

The expenditures by which the farmers benefit, have thus been extended from \$622,101 in 1904, under the late Government, to \$2,658,612 in 1913 under the Whitney Administration.

MORE FOR THE SUFFERING

While doing more for agriculture, for road-building and for the development of the newer sections of the province, the Government has been careful to attend to the wants of the suffering with a view to the extending of relief. The grants for hospitals and charities have been augmented. The following table shows what the increase has been:—

1904—Under the Ross Government.....\$236,592

1913—Under the Whitney Government.....\$416,812

Thus the benevolent institutions are receiving \$180,000 more per annum than formerly owing to the improved condition of the finances.

RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE

At the same time the Government has commenced the payment to the people of a share of the revenue. Under the law which raised the taxation upon railways it was provided that the municipalities should receive a part of the money thus realized. The Government has made the following payments to the municipalities in conformity with this provision:—

1907—Paid to the municipalities.....\$ 81,000

1908— " " 81,221

1909— " " 72,999

1910— " " 92,408

1911— " " 83,402

1912— " " 82,097

1913— " " 78,814

Total.....\$571,941