

used for. The excuses given by the hon. leader of the government and the hon. gentleman from St. John are the strongest condemnation of this measure which could be brought forward, when we are told that the people in other provinces are to pay for the paupers of Prince Edward Island and for the education of the children of Prince Edward Island. When those are the reasons brought forward, I say that this House and the country are disgraced by their deliberate and wanton violation of every agreement that they have entered into.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—There is probably some excuse for some hon. gentlemen who voted against the amendment to-day, because the present government have evidently adopted a new principle in legislation; that is, without sticking to the constitution at all, a number of gentlemen who now occupy the treasury benches—and it is somewhat new to them—found about \$40,000,000 which they had to get rid of; they proceeded to divide it up, and I suppose that some of the hon. members who voted the \$100,000 for Prince Edward Island have come to the conclusion that they, along with the other provinces, are entitled to their share, and their share is \$100,000 added to the subsidy. We passed a Bill to-day which is a direct grant to New Brunswick of \$1,600,000. We have had before us last night a direct grant to British Columbia of \$6,200,000, to build a provincial railway, of which the federal government have no control. Manitoba, contrary apparently to all precedents, received \$2,000,000 during the session, and \$2,000,000 is given to Ontario out of the jack-pot of a treasury, ostensibly for the consideration of them having built a railroad some years ago, which is one of the most profitable assets Ontario possesses. The railway is now in operation, opens up a rich portion of the country, and I understand the profits of that road are about 20 per cent. The excuse is made that because they did not get a subsidy when the road was built, it being a provincial road, and not being accustomed to granting provincial roads a subsidy, the Dominion gives them \$2,000,000. We have all those items, and there is one peculiarity about all the matters in connection Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.

with the dealing out of the surplus in the overflowing treasury, that the provinces who received this aid happened all to have Conservative governments at the present time. Not one dollar which directly benefits the provinces, is voted to Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec or Nova Scotia. I admit that aid has been given to railways in all the provinces, but the other items for British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, all go to directly relieve the provincial government.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—What has New Brunswick got?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—We voted \$1,600,000 to a provincial railway in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—We have not got it yet.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The only excuse was that the provincial government had guaranteed that road to the extent of \$25,000 a mile, and this money would relieve the expenditure of the province to that extent. That is the only reason advanced why we should give that sum, and apparently my hon. friend from New Brunswick, is not grateful for it. It is a provincial charter, and we passed the measure only about an hour ago, and yet my hon. friend asks what does New Brunswick get? We have just been discussing it, and the only reason advanced was the fact that it assisted to relieve the obligation of the province of New Brunswick, to the extent of that grant. I think probably there is a justification for some gentleman who saw fit to vote Prince Edward Island \$100,000. They thought it was only their share. The island sent three member to the House of Commons, and only one happens to be on the Liberal side. There is no question that this resolution has been voted down in mistake, because if we are going to have the treasury of the federal government depleted by the different methods, which have been adopted during this session, of bringing down legislation that is introduced into the House of Commons, by resolution, and properly so, and properly by Mr. Speaker ruled out of order, because it was