

There has been nothing net out of the lands of the North-West

for these years during which hon. gentlemen declared so large a sum would be realised as to recoup us *pro tanto* for the expenditure on the Canadian Pacific Railway. And this is not an increasing ratio; it included the boom, the speculative period, the period in which they sold in a day to speculators large quantities of land, in which they realised from colonization companies a considerable sum, the colonization bubble, the speculative bubble, the town site bubble. *Of late years there has been a positive loss, and you can judge that from a statement of the annual receipts.* In 1880 the gross receipts were \$155,000; in 1881, \$164,000; in 1882, \$1,727,000; in 1883, \$928,000; in 1884, \$788,000; and in 1885, \$288,000; so that our over expenditure last year was over \$223,000, apart from the cost of the land part of the Interior Department, which would show, if you added it, a total deficit of about \$300,000 for that year.

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In 1883 the late Minister of Finance estimated our cash receipts from land in the North-West for 1884, in round numbers, at \$2,250,000; in 1885, \$2,000,000; in 1886, \$2,000,000; total \$6,250,000, for those three years. We have actually received in gross for 1884, \$788,000; for 1885, \$288,000, or for those two years, \$1,076,000.

* * * In 1883 the Minister of Railways estimated as the

Cash results of Colonization Companies for four years,

\$2,562,000. The actual results were for the first of these years, \$248,500; for 1884, \$223,700; for 1885, \$1,200, making a total of \$503,400 for three out of those four years. I do not believe that the year 1886 will materially increase the receipts, and the result *therefore will be about one-fifth of the hon. gentleman's estimate.* In the same year, 1883,

THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATED THAT WE WOULD NET MANY MILLIONS OUT OF THE BRANCH RAILWAY LANDS. * * * A few months after the BUBBLE BURST ALTOGETHER, and since then they have made land grants free to the branch railways, resulting in free grants of, as far as I can judge, seven or eight millions of acres given, or to be given immediately, for the construction of branch railways which were to have been built by the Canadian Pacific Railway practically out of its land grant.

You can judge what the RESULTS OF THAT OPERATION ARE UPON THE VALUES OF LAND IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES. In 1883 the Department of the Interior reported, in addition to the actual payments which had been made, that there would accrue due for the next three years in pre-emptions and time sales, \$4,398,070. Now, that was for the years 1884, 1885 and 1886. I wonder how much we shall get? I wonder what the Minister of Interior will say now as to the accuracy of that estimate? In that year, TO CAP THE CLIMAX, the Department of the Interior presented, and the then Minister of Railways (Sir Charles Tupper) read a statement to the House, on the 4th day of May, 1883, and this is the statement:

"SIR,—Having given the subject my best and fullest consideration, I estimate that the receipt of this Department from the sale of agricultural and coal lands, timber dues, rents of grazing lands, and sales of mineral lands, other than coal, with the royalties from the minerals, between the 1st of January, 1883, and the 31st of December, 1891, both days inclusive, will amount to not less than \$58,000,000."

That was as late as the 4th of May, 1883. What will be said on this 30th of April, 1886, as to the result by the 31st of December, 1891? We have been asking ever since for the production of the details, the rivulets of this golden stream, this stream of Pactolus which the railway was going to throw into the Treasury. * The House has ordered them, but the Department has not furnished them, it is ashamed to furnish them; it

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