

fortify the Dominion Government in any proposals which it might submit to Parliament for the improvement of Ottawa, it was decided to seek information in different parts of the Empire. The data secured was of a valuable character, showing, as it did, that large sums are paid by the British Government, as well as by different Colonial Governments, towards the civil Government of the respective Capitals.

Twelve years have elapsed since then, and the information secured at that time may be regarded as somewhat out of date. I have, therefore, deemed it advisable, for the purpose of this address, to secure, from official sources, a revision of the figures, and I desire to express here my obligations to the Premiers of the different Colonial Governments for the information which they have readily furnished.

It is not necessary for me to speak at any length of what the Imperial Government does for London, Edinburgh and Dublin. Last year for London alone, the Imperial grant was \$2,500,000, which includes the payment of city rates upon the Houses of Parliament, Barracks, Departmental buildings, etc. Edinburgh secures a contribution in lieu of rates; Dublin is paid the equivalent of taxes on Government property, is paid for on a meter basis for all water supplied, and, in addition, the Imperial Government maintains the police force.

THE EXAMPLE OF AUSTRALASIA

In the State of Victoria, according to the latest official statements, the Government, jointly with the Melbourne city corporation, maintains the Public Gardens; the Government grant last year being \$13,000. The Melbourne Fire Brigade is maintained jointly by the Government, the city and suburban municipalities, and the Fire Insurance companies. The annual cost of the Department ranges from \$200,000 to \$225,000, of which the Melbourne city corporation pays one-ninth. All Victorian municipalities receive from the Government a sum in lieu of income previously derived by them from liquor licences. The city of Melbourne's share from this source last year amounted to \$74,000. The police work of the State of Victoria, including the city of Melbourne, is undertaken by the Government. The total cost of the service to the State is \$1,216,220. In Melbourne proper, there is a force of 425 officers and men.

The Government of Queensland grants \$11,000 for the maintenance of public parks in Brisbane, the capital, and does the entire police work of the State. The Queensland force consists of 966 officers and men, the total cost last year being \$903,170. The