

quate for the needs of the Territories, and I content myself now with simply uttering a protest against it.

Mr. BERGERON. How is that money expended?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. It is the usual grant made to the government of the North-west Territories. They expend it for various local purposes. This year, in consequence of the increasing population, and the increasing demands in that section, we have increased the grant by \$59,000. But the direct expenditure is in charge of the local government.

Mr. BERGERON. This item for clerical assistance, how is the division made?

The PRIME MINISTER. This is a subsidy. We have nothing to do with that, no more than we have to do with the expenditure of the subsidies given to Quebec and Ontario.

Mr. BERGERON. No, this is a special subsidy. You pay Ontario and Quebec so much per head, but this is a different thing altogether. We are paying here public money for schools and clerical assistance, and we have a right to know how that money is spent, we want to know if it is spent in a just way, according to the different creeds and nationalities in that part of the country.

Mr. DAVIS. Did you ever hear any complaint in the North-west Territories about the way the money was spent on the schools?

Mr. BERGERON. I am asking the minister for information. I want to know how this money is spent?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The department is furnished with a detailed report in regard to the expenditure. Before this estimate is asked for, reports are obtained from the officials of the department, showing what they expend this money for. There is an estimate of the expenditure the same as we would have ourselves, if we were to take a sum of money, showing the various services, for schools, public works, and so on. The amount proposed is very much less than the amount they would like to have. I think it has been brought down to the lowest possible amount commensurate with the requirements of the Territories, which are becoming greater in consequence of the increasing population. I think the department receive a very satisfactory statement always in regard to the expenditure.

Mr. BERGERON. What amount of money was asked for by the government of the North-west Territories?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The estimate that they gave was \$535,000.

Mr. BERGERON. And that has been cut down?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The amount is increased to \$50,000 over last year, although it is below what was asked.

Mr. BERGERON. They wanted \$500,000, and you are giving them \$332,000? Although this is \$50,000 more than the last year, it is over \$100,000 less than the amount they asked for. What particular service is it that will suffer on account of this reduction?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I think it is probably cut off the Public Works Department.

Mr. BERGERON. But it is all for schools?

Mr. FOSTER. Does the hon. minister know whether they supplement this grant to the schools by any vote from their own revenues. There is a certain amount of money given, and they ask for \$500,000. Is that \$500,000 the contribution from this government for schools?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. For all purposes.

Mr. FOSTER. What amount is asked for schools?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. They have a system of municipal government to some extent, and they levy a tax for school purposes in addition to this. Their estimate for schools is \$175,000.

Mr. FOSTER. That is, they give for schools out of their own revenues, \$175,000?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. No, they ask us to give that.

Mr. DAVIN. They put into their estimates something over \$500,000, and they give the minister the items such as schools, public works, and so on. If the minister has that there will be good enough to give the items?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The recapitulation of the detailed statement is as follows: Civil government, \$40,000; legislation, \$30,000; administration of civil justice and ordinances, \$15,000; public works, \$200,000; education, \$175,000; agriculture and statistics, \$50,000; hospitals, charities and public health, \$15,000; education of deaf mute children, \$10,000.

Mr. MONTAGUE. What is the amount for schools?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. \$175,000.

Mr. MONTAGUE. You are giving \$332,000.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. No, that covers everything.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Well, it is wrongly put in the estimates.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. It follows the wording of last year, but that word 'etc.' covers a multitude of sins.

Mr. FOSTER. What does that cover?