

equivalent to the expenditure for the force that was in Manitoba and for the Mounted Police. But this increase of \$140,000 was considered necessary by the House. Last year Parliament voted the sum of money for this increase, for various reasons which were then presented by the First Minister. The next item is Subsidies to Provinces, which have increased \$130,906.51. This has been caused mainly by the concessions that were made to Manitoba from time to time from 1879 down to 1884. The next item is Legislation, in which there is an increase of \$44,731.85. This is the result of increased cost of the publication of *Hansard* and of the increased number of members of Parliament under the census of 1881. Then the Lighthouse and Coast Service has increased from \$161,67.71 to \$520,524.38; an increase of \$58,556.67. Now, Sir, I think there is perhaps scarcely any expenditure made by the Dominion of Canada from year to year, of something like \$10,000 a year in the first place for the construction of lighthouses, then perhaps \$10,000 a year or nearly that for their maintenance, that is more in the interest of the country than that expenditure. We know that in 1867, when this Dominion was organised, the lighthouse service was very inferior to what it is to-day, and we know perfectly well that during the early administration of the Department that had charge of this expenditure, very large appropriations were made, and the result has been, as every man connected with trade and commerce knows, to cheapen the rate of insurance on vessels coming into the country, to diminish the risk of the life of the mariner, and to reduce the rate of freights on imports coming into the country, as well as the rate of freights and expenditure on products going out of the country, and this has been a direct benefit to the whole country much greater indeed than any additional expenditure that it was found necessary to make for that