

Now putting aside altogether consideration of the new charges which have devolved on the Government since 1876 by means of the opening up of the North-West, the position of the public expenditure, exclusive of subsidies, sinking fund, and collection of revenue is this:—

	Expenditure.	Population.	Per head.
1876.....	\$15,178,820	3,900,000	\$3.90
1890.....	21,018,930	5,200,000	\$4.04

The increase in the public expenditure in fourteen years has, therefore, been fourteen cents per head, at the rate of one cent annually, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the whole term, and at this insignificant cost the Government has been able to build the Canadian Pacific Railway, organize the North-West Territories, enlarge the canals, devote many millions in aid of railway construction, establish experimental farms, grant a bounty to fishermen, feed the Indians, and protect the settlers in the North-West, establish a permanent military force, effectively guard our fishing rights, and accomplish a multitude of other works calculated to promote the prosperity and happiness of the people.