

ment can afford to give away as bonus to a line of less than 250 miles in Southern Manitoba, while in lieu of all our Manitoba Lands they give this Province the sum of \$100,000.00.

Ontario realized over one million dollars for each of the two past years, the average for the last eleven years has been \$979,000.00, and the Provincial Treasurer in his last Budget Speech announced that the Province might confidently look forward to a continuance of the revenue from Crown Lands, with a certainty that it would not be diminished.

Quebec estimates realizing this year a revenue of \$1,000,000.00 from her lands. British Columbia has the control of her own Public Lands and besides gets an annual grant of \$100,000.00 from the Dominion Government for the C. P. R. right of way.

But when we consider the extent of the lands in our Province, the ridiculously disproportionate amount of this subsidy will be still more apparent. Exclusive of Lakes and Rivers, Manitoba has an acreage of 66,689,920 acres, valued at one dollar per acre would represent that sum in dollars, and 5 per cent. on that amount would yield over three millions of dollars per annum. Or there are 504,203 square miles of lands, so that our subsidy does not amount to one dollar per square mile.

As this is the only source to which we can look for any material increase in our revenue, it behoves us to take every means in our power for pressing our claims upon the Dominion Government towards obtaining our just rights in this most important matter.

The statements which I have made I think are sufficient to convince this House and the country that we have accomplished very much and have given practical effect to the policy upon which we started, while carefully keeping within the limits of our finances. By means of important reforms we have been enabled to distribute our resources, in the direct interests of the country, to an extent hitherto unknown in our Province; and while endeavoring in the future to continue and make still further progress in this direction, we would ask this House and the Country to give due consideration to this fact, that the policy of largely subsidizing public enterprises, inevitably entails largely increased liabilities; which must at some time in the future be met, and it would be unwise to attempt too much in

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