

tion or two. Could he tell me off-hand what was the population of Calgary in the year of grace 1896? Does he remember or was it so small that it has slipped his memory?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I could not tell my right hon. friend, but it was a fairly numerous population.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—In 1896 what was the population? I think I can supply an approximate estimate myself. I think it will be found that if the population of Calgary in the year of grace 1896 reached 1,500 it was quite as much as it was.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I can assure my right hon. friend that the population of Calgary in 1896 would be six or seven thousand at the very least.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—If the hon. gentleman is correct, it is a remarkable fact. The census returns for 1901 showed that the population of Calgary was at that time 4,091. In 1906 it had grown to 11,967 and I take it for granted that by this time the population is certainly thirteen or fourteen thousand.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—May I ask my right hon. friend where he got his figures?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—They are furnished by the chief officer of statistics.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My right hon. friend will find that the official census of Calgary in 1901 was about 11,000.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The official estimate of the population of Calgary was a little over 4,000; in 1906 it was 11,967.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That is clearly a mistake.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Of course it is not for me to contradict my hon. friend. I know a little about Calgary, but I do not pretend to say that my information is equal to his. I think, however, he will find that the official figures represent correctly the population of Calgary in 1901 and

1906. At any rate, these are the statistics as recorded in the census, and if my hon. friend intimates that the census statistics have done Calgary a wrong, I shall do my best to get it amended.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The rapid increase reflects great credit on the enterprise of the people of Calgary, and is due to their own efforts more than to the efforts of the government.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—That is a question whether the growth of Calgary is due to the efforts of the people of Calgary or to the efforts of the government. I could contribute a little information on that subject. If I am not gravely misinformed, the last time we had occasion to buy property in Calgary the intelligent natives—not the aborigines but their successors—demanded something like \$200 a foot for property which ten or twelve years ago we could have bought for \$100 an acre.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I have no doubt of that.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—That will show my hon. friend how rapid the progress of Calgary has been, and how great the increased values under the present government, although he will not give us credit for having helped to produce the improvement.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The hon. gentleman is not taking into consideration the enterprise of the people of that city.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Their enterprise is great, and their skill in using the advantages of their position to get money out of the government is great also.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL.—I remember when the population of Calgary was in tents.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I can remember that myself.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON.—Were not those who built the Canadian Pacific Railway really the largest promoters of the increase of population in Calgary?