

as items extravagant or unjustifiable upon any ground that he dare stand up in his place in this House and say "Here is an item of expenditure I challenge and object to; the charge is extravagant or the expenditure unjustified." But the hon. gentleman did not do that. Having said that he would be specific, here is the way in which he made good his promise. He pointed out again that there was a large total increase since 1904 and then follows statements of the percentages of increase. Administration of Justice had been 20%, Education (excluding the University) 50%, Colonization Road Grant, 116% (I think that percentage is an error), Agricultural College 16%, Charities 39%, Public Buildings 33%, and miscellaneous services 43%.

Government Simply Trustees

Now, Sir, the hon. gentleman failed entirely with one exception, which I will refer to later, to point out one item in the expenditure that he objected to. What is there in that sort of criticism? Absolutely nothing. The Government of Ontario are the trustees for the time being for collecting the revenues of the Province, and for paying them out again for the benefit of the people of the Province. They must pay out the necessary costs of Civil Government, the necessary costs for Administration of Justice, and so on through all those branches of the public service which concern the carrying on of the machinery of Government, and outside of that the Government hold the balance of the revenues in trust to be paid out, for the benefit of the people. The Government are simply the trustees of the revenues of the Province handing them back for the benefit of the people. So I am not startled by the statement that the expenditures of Ontario have increased. I hope the legitimate Provincial Revenues may continue to increase as they have during the past three years under the wise, sane, business-like administration of this Government—so that we may have the money to spend—and then we'll spend it for the benefit of the people.

Mr. WHITNEY—"Hear, hear."

Mr. LUCAS—I hope some day and a not far distant day the legitimate Revenues arising, not from direct taxation, but from a proper conserving, and gathering in of the revenues of the Province of Ontario will provide ten millions to give back to the people for the relief and benefit of the people in the various ways in which this Legislature may think it is right to spend the money. Not given away extravagantly not thrown away but given back to the people for Education back to relieve the burden of taxation in its various forms; back to Agriculture and