

I look at the North-West census, and what do I find? That our North-West census returns show that there was an increase of 72,600 souls, or, at 5 to a family, 14,520 families. However, 5 to a family is too large a proportion for a new country, and the number of families was certainly much larger. Besides that, we have to deplore, and I deplore I have not tried to mend it by example, a large bachelor immigration. But I remember, at the hospitable board of Mr. Manning, of Toronto, some years ago, telling a witty young lady of the poet Goethe, how in his old age when on the verge of the grave he was as attractive to the fair sex as in his youth, and I said to her: "The flowers of love sometimes bloom on the brink of the grave." "Ah," she said, "Mr. Davin, the frost I think, would go hard with those flowers." (Laughter.) The frost goes hard with life in the North-West, as I can testify from observation, where lovely woman is not found. I have been in many homes, sometimes in bachelors' homes, sometimes in homes where there are families and where woman is, and you can have no idea of the difference. But women are now coming. Men are going East and bringing back wives, and in the North-West, in defiance of the breeze and blizzards, when lovely woman once appears, homes happy, contented, and prosperous spring up beautiful and bright as are to be found in the world. (Cheers). Then the hon. member for South Oxford claims an annual expenditure—and again I call the attention of the House to this—of \$7,000,000 on the North-West, of which \$4,000,000 is interest on the alleged outlay of \$100,000,000. It has been shown that that outlay has returned \$200,000,000, in which case the \$4,000,000 becomes interest received instead of paid. Now let me read some tables I have prepared to show the annual revenue and expenditure for 11 years for the North-West. The postal revenue and expenditure I place in a separate table, as no sane man would expect the one to cover the other, or to return anything. Now, Sir, here is the revenue derived from Manitoba and the

North-West Territories from 1880 to 1890 inclusive :

Year.	Customs	Excise.	Domin. Lands.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1880.....	322,268	66,328	202,165	590,761
1881.....	473,230	97,875	201,052	773,057
1882.....	1,108,679	157,412	1,795,047	3,061,138
1883.....	1,883,656	185,367	1,042,658	3,061,681
1884.....	735,548	157,216	992,556	1,885,320
1885.....	589,208	143,178	439,494	1,176,880
1886.....	488,144	172,239	394,585	1,054,968
1887.....	523,131	211,070	568,990	1,303,191
1888.....	469,886	187,910	563,709	1,221,505
1889.....	574,536	227,289	588,862	1,390,687
1890.....	674,000	254,109	454,327	1,382,436
Totals...	7,792,286	1,864,998	7,244,345	16,901,624

That is not bad from a country which was without any railway communication with the outer world until 1878, when the corduroy railway of the hon. member for East York (Mr. Mackenzie) went bumping into Winnipeg. (Cheers.) What was the expenditure in Manitoba and the North-West during the ten years from 1880 to 1890? I will not go into details, but I will give it in a lump sum. You had an expenditure for Indians of \$10,467,634; and you may remember that we are not chargeable with that, for these Indians are the wards of the whole Dominion of Canada, and if you never got a cent return for that expenditure you could not treat these people with neglect. For Mounted Police we spent \$6,776,007 in these ten years, and for the Dominion Lands \$1,696,394, a total of \$18,940,035. If we deduct the revenue from that we have \$2,033,511 left as a loss—if the hon. gentleman wishes to call it so—but, as I have shown, it is amply met by other considerations. Now, Sir, with such a showing as that, what are you to think of the hon. gentleman who perpetually talks of Manitoba and the North-West as if it were a dead loss upon the hands of the Dominion, and in fact, when we first came down here we used to be told: "We bought you; you are our possession; we purchased you." As a matter of fact, Sir, if you could get all the statistics of the value that the North-West is to Canada,