

to subsection B of section 5, of chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, the per capita grant would be calculated on an approximate estimate of the population two and one-half years from 1897, which, at the rate of increase that I mentioned in an earlier part of my remarks, namely, 10 per cent a year, would be 141,132. Now, the per capita grant of 80 cents a head for 141,132 would give you the sum of \$112,905. Then on the debt account, on a presumably actual population in 1887 of 141,132, the amount would be 5 per cent on \$32.44 per head, making \$183,133. An amount for the support of government and legislation is given to Manitoba of \$50,000 a year. Is there any reason why we should not get \$50,000 also for the same purpose? No reason whatever. Then, Manitoba has been held to be entitled to an indemnity of \$100,000 a year, because the administration of its lands it withheld from it. But what are the lands of Manitoba compared with the lands of the North-west Territories? What are the claims, therefore, of Manitoba as compared with the claims of the North-west Territories in this particular? The Territories, of course, have a much stronger claim to compensation, inasmuch as besides the land grants to railways in and for the Territories, what has been done with our lands? Why, Sir, we have been a quarry to which they have come from every quarter to get land grants. If a railway seeks a land grant, it always looks to the North-west Territories. Land grants have been given for the general benefit of Canada, and for the special benefit of the eastern provinces and British Columbia; land grants have been given within the Territories for railways constructed for and in Manitoba for which no sufficient land grant could be found in that province. The province of Manitoba has been given all lands designated as swamp lands. Now, if you come to consider what should be given us, we should get a far larger grant than \$100,000 on this account. It really ought to be \$300,000. But suppose you only add \$50,000 to what is given to Manitoba, and you get a land grant that should be given us of \$150,000. So the amounts we should get would be:

Provincial subsidy.....	\$112,903
Debt account.....	183,133
Support of government and legislation...	50,000
On account of lands.....	150,000

Making a total of..... \$496,038

And what do we get here in these Estimates after this matter has been—

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). What do I understand the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) to be reading from? From what does he get these figures?

Mr. DAVIN. I am giving the hon. gentleman a calculation that is not now given in

this House for the first time. It was given here last session, it was given even before that. I am referring to the same calculation made in the memorial that has been transmitted to the Government after having been passed unanimously in the North-west assembly.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. That was what I wished to know. I understand the hon. gentleman is reading from the memorial.

Mr. DAVIN. These are the figures in the memorial.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. The hon. gentleman referred to the speech made by the hon. member for Alberta (Mr. Oliver), and I was not sure whether he was reading from that speech or from the memorial.

Mr. DAVIN. I referred to the fact that my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) had brought this matter before the House, as had been done every year. But I wish to point out that \$150,000, the sum I have last mentioned, was not mentioned in the memorial. The memorial points out that Manitoba gets \$100,000 and says that we are entitled to more, but does not mention a sum. To reach an aggregate, I supposed that it should be made \$150,000. So, instead of \$242,000, we should get \$496,000. I pointed this out, two years ago, I think, when the present Government was not in power, and when my hon. friend was sitting in Opposition—and at that time I got help from hon. gentlemen who are now sitting, as the Prime Minister says, enthroned like the Olympian gods, in a place where they used not to sit. I used to get help from them. I do not know whether he (Mr. Davies) gave me help, but there were gentlemen on that side who used to give me help in contending for what I did contend for from year to year. And, in fact, two years ago, we had more than a million dollars due us by the Dominion Government. If we had a commission such as sat the other day in regard to taxation in Ireland, it would be found that the North-west Territories, like Ireland, had been paying a large amount of taxation that we ought not to have had to pay.

Mr. COCHRANE. Do not suggest a commission, or we shall have one.

Mr. DAVIN. This would not be a very expensive commission, and its work would not take very long. The calculation is easily made, because we have all the facts. And if my hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will only make the calculation, he will easily reach the result. Let him for a moment fancy that he has taken a brief for the Territories. I am told by the chairman of the executive of the North-west Territories that something like this memorial has been sent to every member