

in advance, to the said province, that is to say:

(a) for the support of the government and legislature, fifty thousand dollars;

(b) on an estimated population of two hundred and fifty thousand, at eighty cents per head two hundred thousand dollars, subject to be increased as hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: a census of the said province shall be taken in every fifth year reckoning from the general census of one thousand nine hundred and one, and an approximate estimate of the population shall be made at equal intervals of time between each quinquennial and decennial census; and whenever the population, by any such census or estimate, exceeds two hundred and fifty thousand, which shall be the minimum on which the said allowance shall be calculated, the amount of the said allowance shall be increased accordingly and so on until the population has reached eight hundred thousand souls.

2. Resolved, That inasmuch as the said province is not in debt, it shall be entitled to be paid and to receive from the government of Canada, by half-yearly payments in advance, interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the sum of eight million one hundred and seven thousand five hundred dollars.

3. Resolved, That inasmuch as the public lands in the said province are to remain the property of Canada, there shall be paid by Canada to the said province annually by way of compensation therefor a sum based upon the estimated value of such lands, namely, \$37,500,000 the said lands being assumed to be of an area of 25,000,000 acres and to be of the value of \$1.50 per acre, and upon the population of the said province as from time to time ascertained by the quinquennial census thereof, such sum to be arrived at as follows:

The population of the said province being assumed to be at present 250,000, the sum payable until such population reaches 400,000 is to be one per cent on such estimated value, or \$375,000;

Thereafter, until such population reaches 800,000, the sum payable is to be one and one-half per cent on such estimated value, or \$562,500;

Thereafter, until such population reaches 1,200,000, the sum payable is to be two per cent on such estimated value, or \$750,000;

And thereafter such payment is to be three per cent on such estimated value, or \$1,125,000.

4. Resolved That as additional compensation for such lands there shall be paid by Canada to the said province annually for five years to provide for the construction of necessary public buildings, one-quarter of one per cent on such estimated value, or \$93,750.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). As we are treating these two Autonomy Bills as one all through, I would suggest that instead of taking up these resolutions seriatim, we agree that they shall be amended to correspond to the similar resolutions in the Alberta Bill, leaving it to the clerk to make the necessary changes for that purpose.

Mr. BERGERON. Are they word for word the same clauses?

Mr. FIELDING. The resolutions were originally introduced in the same form. In the case of the Alberta Bill some amendments have been made. My proposal is that

the amendments made in the Alberta resolutions and in the Bill founded thereon be made also in these resolutions.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. As I understand, the resolutions are the same as in the Alberta Bill?

Mr. FIELDING. Yes.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. And the amendments necessary are the same word for word as those in connection with the Alberta Bill?

Mr. FIELDING. Precisely.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. To keep the records right I suppose it will appear in the journals that the Minister of Finance made the necessary motions or amendments?

Mr. FIELDING. Quite so.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I am willing to agree to the Finance Minister's proposal for the purpose of saving time.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. I do not know whether the amendments as they were finally in the Alberta Bill were all made in one day or not. The object is to conform this Bill word for word with the Alberta Bill? I would like to know on what day or days the amendments in the Alberta Bill were made?

Mr. FIELDING. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Uriah Wilson) will find these amendments on page 542 of the 'Votes and Proceedings.'

Resolutions as amended reported, read the first and second times and agreed to.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST.

House in committee on Bill (No. 70) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Saskatchewan—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

On section 2, British North America Acts, 1867 to 1886, to apply.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I beg to move:

That section 2 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

2. The provisions of the British North America Act, 1867 to 1886 shall apply to the province of Saskatchewan in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other provinces heretofore comprised in the Dominion, except such provisions as in terms or by reasonable intendment are specially applicable to or affect one or more only and not the whole of the said provinces.

Amendment negatived on division.

Mr. MONK. It was in amendment to section 2 of the Alberta Bill that I moved my amendment to that Bill the other day. As I desire to move a similar amendment to this Bill I suppose I had better move it now?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Very well.