

improvements as the public interests require. He agreed with the opinion that the public interests required public improvements in certain sections; but he also contended that the Government could not deal with this question piecemeal. It must be dealt with as part of a general whole, and not back to the people as much as could be obtained back to them. He had endeavoured to ascertain what the approximate population of the various constituencies might be; but he did not say that he had attained any accurate results, for the progress in the various sections since the last census had been varying.

The distribution of \$3,645,500 among the municipalities would, according to his estimate of their population, result as follows:

Montreal, Dundas and Glengary.	\$134,646
Montreal and Russell	78,502
Montreal	73,328
Montreal and Grenville, (including Beckville)	131,689
Montreal	73,068
Montreal	62,180
Montreal	70,812
Montreal and Addington	63,404
Montreal Edward	45,430
Montreal and Belleville	109,148
Montreal, Durham, Cobourg and Port Hope	189,268
Montreal and Peterboro	63,701
Montreal	72,780
Montreal	103,469
Montreal	141,240
Montreal	69,511
Montreal	134,278
Montreal	54,298
Montreal	73,702
Montreal	64,842
Montreal	63,068
Montreal	58,082
Montreal	55,644
Montreal	68,636
Montreal	107,904
Montreal	100,776
Montreal	138,304
Montreal	142,060
Montreal and St. Mary's	115,950
Montreal	158,802
Montreal	115,962
Montreal	146,389
Montreal and St. Thomas	71,936
Montreal	85,630
Montreal	81,950
Montreal	69,696
Montreal	115,258
Montreal	52,434
Montreal	31,566
Montreal	35,258
Montreal	37,900

Total \$3,645,600

Distribution of, say, \$2,430,333,—

Montreal, Dundas and Glengary...	\$ 89,764
Montreal and Russell	52,333
Montreal	48,885
Montreal and Grenville, including Beckville	89,787
Montreal	48,712
Montreal	41,453
Montreal	47,203
Montreal and Addington	42,269
Montreal Edward	30,329
Montreal and Belleville	72,865
Montreal, Durham, Cobourg and Port Hope	220,139
Montreal and Peterboro T.	42,479
Montreal	48,529
Montreal	63,973
Montreal	94,160
Montreal	40,361
Montreal	89,519
Montreal	36,199
Montreal	49,145
Montreal	43,228
Montreal	42,045
Montreal	38,721
Montreal	37,096
Montreal	44,401
Montreal	71,403
Montreal	67,184
Montreal	92,203
Montreal	94,707
Montreal and St. Mary's	77,307
Montreal	105,868
Montreal	77,308
Montreal	97,587
Montreal and St. Thomas	48,291
Montreal	57,087
Montreal	54,640
Montreal	46,464
Montreal	76,839
Montreal	34,956
Montreal	21,044
Montreal	23,505
Montreal	25,367

Total, say.....\$2,430,333

He would say that it would not be right that any distribution should take place without a settlement of the question of the Municipal Loan Fund. He contended that the House should not begin to deal with the surplus by giving special aid to certain objects, and by putting aside the question of general distribution; but that when the redistribution was begun it should be supplemented by whatever special aids were required for public works. This was the true principle to be adopted, and entertaining that view he submitted it to the House. He was not able to propose any resolution that would involve any change in the public revenue, but he would move in amendment, seconded by Mr. McKellar, the hon. gentleman concluded by moving in amendment, that all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words substituted therefor, "this House feels bound to express its conviction that the country will have just ground for dissatisfaction, unless some plan is adopted, whereby, while making all just and necessary provisions in aid of Railways and other public improvements of Provincial interest in the thinly settled and the unprovided districts, a large part of the available surplus should be apportioned according to population, and expended in such way as each of the counties, cities and separated towns shall as to its own allotment designate, in aid of railways or other permanent public improvements affecting the localities, or towards the redemption of municipal obligations already contracted for such purposes; due precautions being taken for the proper application of the money, and provision being made that the allotment to any municipality indebted to the Municipal Loan Fund, should be applied on equitable terms towards the satisfaction of what

"may be found due by the municipality, on an adjustment of the Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness." (Cheers.)

Hon. Mr. WOOD replied at considerable length to the criticisms of Mr. Blake, and defended the resolutions; and he was followed in the same vein by Hon. Mr. Cameron.

Mr. CRAIG said he would oppose the amendment.

Mr. McKELLAR pointed out the interested motives which influenced the Government in bringing down these resolutions at the present time, just before the elections.

Mr. McCOLL (Norfolk) said he would support the amendment.

Mr. GOW was not satisfied with the scope of the resolutions, and

Mr. CUMBERLAND defended them.

Mr. BOYD maintained that the amendment of the hon. member for South Bruce proposed to do justice to all, and should receive the report of the House.

Mr. PAXTON expressed his regret at the incompleteness of the Government measure, which was also opposed by Mr. Sinclair.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Currie, Peatty, Oliver, Rykert, Trow, and Monteith.

A division was then taken, with the following result:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemons, Cook, Crosby, Finlayson, Fraser, Gow, McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—25.

NAYS.—Messrs. Anderson, Beatty, Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Guron), Carnegie, Cockburn, Coche, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Evans, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Galbraith, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Hooper, Lauder, Lount, Lyon, Macdonald, McColl (Elgin), McGill, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds & Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Wallis, Wigle, Williams, (Durham,) Wilson, Wood—51.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved the House into committee—Mr. Lyon in the chair—on the resolutions.

The committee adopted the resolutions, and the reception of the report was fixed for to-morrow. * See page 237.

The House adjourned at 12:30