

granted under section 118 of the British North America Act, 1867, are as follows: ¹

(a) A fixed grant according to population :

Where population is—	\$
Under 150,000.....	150,000
150,000, but does not exceed 200,000.....	150,000
200,000 " " 400,000.....	180,000
400,000 " " 800,000.....	190,000
800,000 " " 1,500,000 ..	220,000
over 1,500,000.....	240,000

(b) A grant at the rate of 80 cents per head of the population of the province up to 2,500,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head of so much of the population as exceeds that number.

(c) An additional grant of \$100,000 yearly to the province of British Columbia for a period of ten years.

Method of
ascertaining
population.

The act provides also that in the case of the three Northwest provinces the population shall be as ascertained by the last quinquennial census or statutory estimate of population as provided by acts of the Parliament of Canada, and in the case of any other province as by the last decennial census. Further it enacts that in the case of the provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island the amount payable shall not at any time be less than the amount of the corresponding grant payable at the commencement of the act, any decrease of population notwithstanding.

Visit of
Prince
Fushimi of
Japan.

On June 7 Prince Fushimi of Japan landed at Quebec on the occasion of his homeward journey through Canada after completing an official mission to the United Kingdom. His Imperial Highness visited several of the cities of the Dominion, including the federal capital, Ottawa, and as the representative of a friendly and allied nation he received a cordial welcome from the Government and people of Canada.

Earthquake
at Kingston,
Jamaica.

On January 14 the British Island of Jamaica was visited by a severe earthquake and fire which caused great loss of life, besides injuries to many persons and a considerable destruction of property. A sum of \$50,000 was appropriated by the Parliament of Canada in aid of the sufferers from this disaster. Amongst the unfortunate victims who lost their lives was the Right Hon. James Fergusson, formerly Postmaster General of Great Britain.

Collapse of
the Quebec
Bridge.

On August 29 the steel superstructure of the southern cantilever and anchor arms of the bridge in course of erection across the St. Lawrence River, about eight miles above the city of Quebec, collapsed suddenly and fell into the river, involving a lamentable loss of over sixty lives and the serious injury of eleven other persons, nearly all being workmen employed on the bridge. The loss of material was at first estimated to be about

¹ The British North America Act of 1907 does not affect the obligation of the Government of Canada to pay to any province any grant which is payable to that province, other than the existing grant for which the grant under this act is substituted.