

the expenditure, both as to the college and as to the farm, has been less than was expected.

Let me refer here to the operation of our creamery at the Agricultural College during the past season. In 1885 our plan of operation was to take the price received for a pound of farmer's butter at Toronto and give that amount to farmers for cream sufficient to make a pound of butter. On that basis we carried on the creamery in 1885 without loss. In 1886 we

ADOPTED A DIFFERENT PLAN.

We guaranteed our patrons fourteen cents for cream sufficient to make a pound of butter. In September we gave them fifteen cents, with an agreement that the creamery should be carried on with the greatest possible economy and that the surplus should be divided among our patrons. An examination of the expenditure and receipts, as shown in the Public Accounts, shows that we have received \$155 81 more than we expended. But we have a very considerable quantity of butter unsold on hand, which will bring up the receipts to an amount sufficient to enable us to distribute \$600 among our patrons, beyond the amount already paid to them. I do not know of any portion of my statement that will be more

INTERESTING TO THE FARMERS

than this satisfactory illustration of the operations of the creamery, and I hope that it will stimulate them to go more largely into this co-operative system of making butter, from which alone can we expect any material or lasting improvement in that industry. (Applause.) In the item of repairs and maintenance of hospitals, we have expended \$890 over the estimate. The expenditure was \$57,760 and the estimate \$56,760. In the item of

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

we made an estimate of \$317,000, and we have expended \$227,893, leaving a residue of \$89,447. This is made up mainly of unexpended amounts in connection with the Hamilton Asylum and the Orillia Asylum for buildings, for which a re-vote will be asked. In the item of

PUBLIC WORKS

we have expended \$51,763, which is \$20,700 less than the estimate. Re-votes will be asked for several of the items of this unexpended balance. Under the head of Colonisation Roads we have expended \$145,213, which is \$15,263 more than the estimate of \$129,950. This account is the only one in which there has been any important over-expenditure. I suppose that advantage will be taken of that circumstance by our friends opposite to renew the discussion upon the expenditure on Colonisation Roads, but I will leave any criticisms on that point to be answered by the Commissioner of Crown Lands. I will merely say that the subject was discussed at meetings mainly composed of farmers during the late contest, and that they never failed

TO RESPOND HEARTILY

and cordially to the declaration that the Government should deal generously with the settlers, with whose struggles they were able, from their own experience, to sympathize. (Applause.) Nor must we forget that a large portion of our revenue is derived from those territories, that our revenue from woods and forests is mainly derived from the localities in the which the expenditure on colonization roads is incurred. (Applause.) Then in connection with the

CROWN LAND EXPENDITURE

we took an estimate of \$102,315 and we expended only \$91,093, leaving a balance of \$11,222. Our estimate for refund was \$28,172; we expended only \$24,214, leaving a balance of \$3,958. For the

COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION

we asked \$13,000 and expended but \$11,730, so that we have as the unexpended balance \$1,270. Of the estimate \$9,000 was asked for an educational exhibit, and the expenditure of \$9,308 93 has been a little in excess of that. For the dairy and grain exhibit we asked \$3,000, while the expenditure was only \$1,421, leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,379. When we asked for this appropriation of \$13,000 it was in consequence of a request on behalf of the Dominion Government that the Province of Ontario should undertake

AN EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. We expressed our desire to co-operate in any manner we could in order to make the exhibition a success and to represent Ontario in a creditable way. All that they desired was that we should make this educational exhibit; that was agreed to, and the Minister of Education undertook the charge, and I think has carried it out successfully, because I am sure the exhibit has reflected credit on the Province and has fully illustrated the advance made by Ontario in all branches of education. Subsequently

THE DAIRY ASSOCIATIONS

expressed their wish to be represented. They approached the Dominion Government

and transferred the matter to us. We agreed to take it up, and with the able assistance of the Dairymen's Association we made an exhibit that I think has not been equalled or even approached by any other Province or Colony of the Empire. (Applause.) For that success I am sure that we are indebted to the valuable and gratuitous assistance of the member for South Perth, the President of the Dairymen's Association for Western Ontario, and of his colleague Mr. Macpherson, the President of the Eastern Association, and the committee associated with them. (Applause.) It was true that there was some disappointment at the non-arrival of our exhibit in time for the opening of the Exhibition. For that default not the slightest blame attaches to those gentlemen or to the Department. The cheese was shipped in time, and the default was wholly due to the defective arrangements for transport made by the Dominion Government. Moreover, although the delay and the refusal of space for the exhibit was annoying and disappointing, yet I believe the value of our exhibit in the fall

WAS REALLY ENHANCED,

and was greater than if it had been placed in the Exhibition at the opening. The net cost of that important exhibit was only \$1,313, in fact it was almost self-sustaining. The next item is that of statute consolidation. The estimate was \$40,000, and we have expended only \$17,666. A refund will be asked for the unexpended balance. Under the head of "miscellaneous," our estimated expenditure apart from \$50,000 for unforeseen and unprovided was \$68,433. The actual expenditure, apart from unforeseen and unprovided, was \$66,709, leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,722. The total expenditure, including unforeseen and unprovided, was \$74,596. We have, including the items charged to unforeseen and unprovided, an expenditure balance of \$16,338. Our expenditure under that head was only \$33,611. This statement, I know, will be gratifying to the member for North Grey, whose delight it has been to criticise the expenditure under that head. Taking it altogether, our expenditure,