

build the railways of those Provinces. I now come to the estimated receipts for the present year. Our subsidy, of course, we expect will be the same as last year, \$1,196,872 80. The interest on capital held and debts due by the Dominion to Ontario we expect will be the same as before, \$279,111 10. The interest on investments we anticipate will be \$40,000. As I mentioned, our receipts last year were \$55,000, but as it seems likely that the construction of the Parliament buildings will to some extent trench upon our assets, I have thought best to reduce our estimate of receipts from that source. From Crown Lands we anticipate receipts of \$55,000. Our

receipts last year were \$55,482. From Clergy Lands we expect to receive \$8,000; receipts last year, \$3,129. From Common School Lands we expect \$17,000; receipts last year, \$17,997. Grammar School Lands we anticipate will yield \$3,000, our receipts from this source last year having been \$3,235. From Woods and Forests we look for a revenue of \$675,000, the receipts from this branch last year having been \$729,998. Altogether we look for receipts from Crown Lands of \$758,000. As I mentioned, \$147,000 of last year's receipts were from the sale of timber in 1885. We have thus some \$30,000 to collect in connection with sales of that year, and as a reason why we perhaps expect something more from Woods and Forests than we received from the sales of last year, the lumber trade is in a prosperous condition and the cut of logs is expected to be larger this winter than last. The Commissioner feels he is justified in promising the \$758,000 placed in the estimate.

FROM PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

we expect \$98,250. We received last year \$89,220, but from the same cause I mentioned we expect a larger revenue from the Central Prison than before. The officers of the institution justify me in saying that we may expect to receive the sum named in the estimate. From the Education Department we estimate \$38,000. Last year the receipts were \$38,229. From casual revenue we expect \$30,000—receipts last year \$34,326. In placing it at \$30,000 I believe I am placing it within the average of the last few years. Under the head of licenses we look for receipts of \$192,000. Our receipts last year were \$211,162, but by the action of the City of Toronto a large reduction in the number of licenses issued in the year will take place, which will reduce our revenue, as estimated, to the extent of \$16,000. In 1886 we received about \$2,000 by the closing up of license accounts in some of those districts in which the Scott Act had been brought into force, which sum we will not receive this year. Therefore we do not feel justified in estimating a larger sum than I have given. From coin stamps we expect to receive \$65,000—receipts last year \$62,291, but they were lower than for several years past. For several years the average has been \$66,000, and we think we are within the mark in estimating \$65,000. From Algoma taxes we estimate \$10,000. Under the bill I mentioned which allowed the fifty per cent. reduction to those who paid their taxes in two annual instalments, some larger holders paid up, and the other instalment is to be paid this year. The receipts last year were \$25,000. From the Municipal Loan Fund we expect \$49,841, the same amount as placed in the estimates last year, but not received. That amount comprises debts due by the City of St. Catharines and the Town of Cobourg. It will be recollected that we took power to compromise with these municipalities on the amounts due to this fund. We entered into an arrangement

with Cobourg under which they would issue debentures for \$42,763, which was really the amount of the principal, we agreeing to throw off about \$40,000 that had accumulated, and they were to issue new debentures at five per cent. for twenty years. A by-law to carry out that agreement was introduced into the Council and I believe it passed its second reading, but it was never completed, and that arrangement has not been carried out. The Province and the town revert to their original positions, but as the promise has been made of a compromise, I hope it will be carried out, and I have placed the estimate at the amount originally offered. From the Insurance Companies we have our usual amount of \$3,000. The assessment of counties is \$6,000 as usual. From the Agricultural and Arts Association *re* Agricultural hall we estimate \$2,000. I may say that the amount was anticipated last year. Owing, however, to the bad weather and other unfavorable circumstances attending the annual exhibition at Guelph the receipts were not what was anticipated and the association was not in a position to pay the amount. But I expect we will receive that sum.

Mr. MEREDITH—I thought Mr. Jamieson owed that money.

Hon. A. M. ROSS—The arrangement with the Agricultural and Arts Association was that they were to pay the money in two annual instalments of \$1,000 each. They assigned a claim against Mr. Jamieson for an amount said to be due by him. That balance is still unsettled, but whatever we receive will be in addition to the \$2,000 estimated. It is an uncertain quantity, and we do not calculate upon it. The total estimated receipts are \$2,788,125 22. Our estimate of expenditure, as shown by the rates we are asking is \$2,980,000. I need not refer to the particulars, as they will be fully discussed. Supposing that our supplementary estimates amount to \$50,000, the total estimated expenditure will be \$3,030,078, leaving a balance unprovided for under the estimates of \$241,583. This, as will be seen by the last financial statement, corresponds almost exactly with the amount of deficiency we expected at the close of 1886. We last year estimated receipts of \$2,720,975, and we received \$2,843,632, an excess of \$122,657. Our estimated expenditure was \$3,029,000, and the actual expenditure was \$2,769,000, or we estimated more than we expended by \$269,000. Yet we had a surplus of \$70,000. I mentioned last year that we estimated our expenditures liberally and our receipts closely. Our figures showed an estimated excess of expenditure of about \$400,000.

THE ACTUAL RESULT,

however, was an over-expenditure on the total receipts of about \$33,000. This year we have followed the same course of liberal estimate of expenditure and close estimate of receipts. I hope, if it is my good fortune to present another financial statement at the close of this year, I shall be able to congratulate the House upon as good a showing as we were able to make for 1887. We have taken every care to prevent extravagance. The best proof that we have previously done so is the very small sums objected to when we were passing the estimates last season. It is, nevertheless, impossible to prevent increases taking place as our population increases and the Province is developed. I have before called attention to that increased expenditure and said that it could not be met by a stationary revenue, and if we had not to resort to some of the means I indicated last year it is because we fortunately have a surplus on which to draw for any temporary deficiency