

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

**The Year's Operations Show a
Surplus of \$386,074.**

**Increase in the Revenue From
Woods and Forests and Decline in
Receipts From Succession Duties.**

The public accounts for Ontario have been printed, and will be presented to the House this week. The receipts in 1899 amounted to \$4,096,494.96, while the expenditure was \$3,710,420.82, leaving a surplus of \$386,074.14. As compared with 1898 the receipts for last year show an increase of \$449,141. The receipts from woods and forests were a little over \$1,000,000, as compared with \$981,186 the previous year. The revenue from succession duties was \$150,000, as against \$206,185 the previous year. The taxation imposed for the purpose of augmenting the Provincial revenue yielded \$217,000. The state of the finances disclosed by the public accounts is most gratifying, and the Provincial Treasurer will doubtless make the most of the excellent showing on the occasion of his budget speech.

It may be noted that the railway subsidies last year were paid out of ordinary revenue, and that no railway certificates were issued, as had been the case for many years previously.
