

present time. The report as printed this year gives the expenditures much more in detail than formerly, but is nevertheless compact, and occupies no more bulk than usual. The following is a synopsis of the receipts and expenditures:—

Revenue For 1900.

Consolidated revenue fund—	
From Dominion of Canada—	
Subsidy	\$1,116,872 80
Special grant..	80,000 00
	<u>\$1,196,872 80</u>
From interest on capital held and debts due by the Dominion to Ontario.	\$ 242,414 48
Interest on investm'ts.	39,509 14
	<u>281,923 62</u>
Crown Lands Department.	1,430,166 03
Licenses	354,045 30
Law stamps	55,410 27
Algoma taxes	2,596 09
Education Department ..	53,208 23
Secretary's department ..	76,889 96
Fisheries branch	35,443 85
Revenues from companies.	229,774 44
Succession duty	226,676 51
Casual revenue	106,072 97
Public institutions	85,203 58
	<u>\$4,134,283 65</u>

Open accounts—

From Crown Lands Department and from public works and buildings..	58,656 53
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Total receipts, 1900 .. \$4,192,940 18

Expenditure For 1900.

Consolidated revenue fund—	
Civil government	\$ 265,547 53
Legislation	143,773 45
Administration of justice.	427,854 72
Education	758,464 26
Public Institutions maintenance	828,201 34
Immigration	6,257 46
Agriculture	209,163 66
Hospitals and charities (grants in aid)....	184,898 52
Repairs and maintenance public buildings	89,040 34
Locks, dams, etc.....	14,235 34
Colonization roads	133,926 10
Mining roads	9,919 41
Charges, Crown lands	162,861 27
Surveys, inspections, etc.	883 42
Refunds re Crown lands, education, asylum lands, etc.	103,095 82
Miscellaneous	234,008 70
	<u>\$3,570,938 34</u>

Open accounts—

Public institutions, public works, etc..	432,791 03
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Total expenditure .. \$4,003,729 37
Balance of receipts over expenditures, 1900.. . . 189,210 81

The Balance Sheet.

The following is a synopsis of the balance sheet:—

Receipts.

To balance from public accounts, 1899	\$ 374,796 62
Total receipts, 1900.....	4,192,940 18
Stationery account, excess of distribution over purchases	8,140 11
Amount withdrawn from special deposits	1,673,119 61
Total	<u>\$6,248,996 52</u>

Expenditures.

Total expenditures, 1900..	\$4,003,729 37
Special deposits	2,036,119 61
Balance in banks.. . . .	209,147 54

Total \$6,248,996 52

The current balance in banks is \$209,147.54, and the balance to the credit of special deposits, \$824,398.77, making the total cash balance of the Province on December 31 \$1,033,546.31.

Growth of Expenditure.

The total expenditures for the year of \$4,003,729.37, compared with \$3,710,420.82 for the previous year, show an increase of \$293,308.55. This is accounted for partly by a steady development and expansion in all the departments of the Government, and partly by a number of unusual grants in cases of national distress. There were decreases in the expenditures on legislation, agriculture, hospitals and charities and public works. The expenditures on public institutions have steadily grown, one of the items being \$29,000 on the construction of the Cobourg Asylum, compared with \$5,000 the previous year. There were also the following special grants:—Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$13,532; exploration of northern Ontario, \$34,504; Ottawa and Hull fire fund grant, \$25,000.

Asylums Report.

Hon. Mr. Stratton laid on the table the annual report of Inspector R. Christie upon the lunatic and idiot asylums. The report gives the asylum population of the Province as 5,152, with an average daily number in residence of 5,137. Since 1871 the daily average population of both classes, idiots and lunatics, has increased 384 per cent., and that of lunatics alone 325 per cent. The total number of lunatics known to the department in 1891 was 3,639, and in 1900, 4,929, an increase of 1,090 during the ten years, or an annual average increase of 109. In 1896 the expenditure for the maintenance of asylums was \$600,631.96, and in 1900 \$634,977.42. The per capita cost has steadily decreased from 1867-70, when it was \$140.70, while from 1896 to 1900 it was \$126.26. During the year 254 patients recovered, an increase of seven over the previous year, and 311 were discharged on probation, the average for the previous ten years being 255. The number of deaths was 269, a decrease of 23 as compared with 1899. Seventy-six per cent. of the population was employed, the percentage for the previous ten years being 75. The revenue from paying patients totalled \$78,450.70, nearly \$4,500 above the