

Estimates for the Year.

The estimates for the year were laid on the table by Premier Ross. The total amount asked is \$3,782,406, compared with \$3,723,292 last year, an increase of \$59,114. The current expenditure is estimated at \$3,408,608, a decrease of \$17,908 compared with last year. The expenditure on capital account is placed at \$254,433, an increase of \$60,954, and for "other purposes," \$119,325, an increase of \$16,069. The estimates for the various branches as compared with last year are as follows:—

Services.

Civic government .....	\$
Legislation .....	
Administration of justice .....	
Education .....	
Public institutions maintenance .....	
Immigration .....	
Agriculture .....	
Hospitals and charities .....	
Government and department buildings maintenance .....	
Public buildings—	
Repairs .....	
Capital account .....	
Public works—	
Repairs .....	
Capital account .....	
Colonization and mining roads .....	
Charges on Crown lands .....	
Refunds account .....	
Miscellaneous .....	
Unforeseen and unprovided .....	

A survey of the estimates shows that considerable reductions have been effected in several branches of the service, while on the other hand the development of the country and the forward policy of the Government have necessitated slight increases.

Statue to the Queen.

Among the new items of expenditure this year are the following:—Statue to her late Majesty the Queen, \$10,000; Pan-American Exposition, \$2,000; experiments in sugar beets, \$500; experimental fruit shipments, \$500; cold storage and inspection of buildings, \$3,000; equipment winter show, including \$2,348 unpaid accounts, \$4,000; Township of Elma, for drainage, \$4,000; allowances in cases of Government offices abolished, \$3,778. Among the increases items of expenditures are surveys in townships of new districts, from \$10,000 to \$20,000; technical education, \$2,500 to \$10,000; forest reserves, \$750 to \$2,500; Swine Breeders' Association, \$1,500 to \$2,000; poultry associations, \$1,650 to \$2,000; experimental unions, \$1,200 to \$1,400; normal and model schools, London, \$8,550 to \$10,050; continuation classes in public and separate schools, from \$18,800 to \$20,000; public and separate schools in new districts, \$50,000 to \$55,000.

Improvements on Buildings.

The capital expenditures on the Provincial public buildings will be large, and will include many additions and improvements. Among the items are

the following:—Asylums for Insane—At Toronto, \$9,300; Mimico, \$4,025; London, \$18,945 (\$1,756 revoted); Hamilton, \$10,000 (\$1,000 revoted); Kingston, \$9,145 (\$2,500 revoted); Brockville, \$5,130; Orillia, \$5,000; Cen-

tral Prison, Toronto, \$8,800; Reformatory at Penetanguishene, \$2,200; Reformatory for Females, Toronto, \$4,150; Blind Institute, Brantford, \$2,900; Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, \$4,385; Cobourg Asylum for Female Patients, \$52,750; Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, Guelph, \$34,500; Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, \$5,075; Normal School, London, \$9,462; School of Practical Science, Toronto, \$5,650 (\$800 revoted); Osgoode Hall, \$1,500; new Parliament buildings, \$2,100. The item of \$30,000 for Reformatory for Boys, Oxford, is revoted.

Quite a number of the civil servants receive increases in salaries. Among these are:—The Deputy Ministers of Education, Agriculture, Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer, from \$2,400 to \$2,500 each, as promised by the Premier a year ago; private secretaries of the Commissioner of Crown Lands and of the Provincial Secretary, from \$1,100 to \$1,200, and of the Minister of Agriculture, from \$1,150 to \$1,200; Director of Colonization and Forestry, from \$1,600 to \$1,700; Provincial Inspector of Licenses, \$1,750 to \$1,850; Postmaster, \$1,000 to \$1,100; Sergeant-at-Arms, \$800 to \$1,000; Master in Chambers, Osgoode Hall, \$3,200 to \$3,400. Provision is made for an additional inspector in the Neglected Children's Branch, at a salary of \$850.

An allowance of \$3,500 is made to Crown Attorney Curry upon commutation of fees, which is a new step. The estimates for inspection of separate schools is increased from \$4,500 to \$5,400; of district schools from \$3,000 to \$3,720, while a new item of \$1,500 is inserted for the inspection of bilingual schools. The allowance for instruction in domestic science at the Ottawa Normal and Model Schools is increased from \$500 to \$800.

For Travelling Libraries.

A grant of \$1,200 for travelling libraries for remote and rural sections is included under education, as was prophesied in The Globe a fortnight ago. The grant for art schools is reduced from \$3,200 to \$2,200, and for art school examinations the grant is reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. A new grant of \$300 is made to the Dominion Educational Association. A vote of \$12,945 is asked for the new Cobourg Asylum, which is the estimated expenditure for a quarter of a year, it being expected to be finished by the end of September.

Large Additions at Guelph.

The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph stands in for some extensive improvements in the near future. In addition to the offer by the executors of the late H. A. Massey of \$40,000 for a library and convocation hall, the estimates contain an item of \$34,500 for capital expenditures at the college. This will be expended in providing additional buildings for laboratory and museum purposes, and to overhaul the main