

tenance of Parliament buildings, etc., \$95,336.40; locks, dams, etc., \$16,841.06; colonization roads, \$316,906.39.

The income from agriculture amounted to \$78,598.18, all of which, with the exception of \$6,000 derived from fines under the factories act, came from the Ontario Agricultural College, being made up of students' fees, amounting to \$39,834.13, while the institution cost \$136,742.84 for maintenance, about \$7,599.36 more than last year.

### Railway Subsidies.

In aid of railways the Province paid \$144,860.68, and in annuities to former members of the civil service or their dependents \$102,900. In bounties on beet sugar \$75,000 was paid, of which \$36,824.88 went to the Ontario Sugar Company as bounty on 10,341,907 pounds of sugar, and \$38,175.12 to the Wallaceburg Sugar Company, Limited, as bounty on 10,721,107 pounds.

The visit of Prince Fushimi cost the Province \$1,265.10, the Premier's trip to England \$1,150, expenses of members of the Legislature visiting mining districts \$4,574.60, the special trip of the American mining engineers \$6,305, while the Province got a considerably more valuable advertisement through the visit of the British journalists than the expenses of the journey, which amounted to \$3,376.49. The funeral of the late Speaker of the Legislature cost \$2,454.23, and the expenses of the special committee who visited Europe for the purpose of inquiry into methods of treating the insane, only amounted to \$3,000. One item of expenditure, \$10,000 for the yacht *Lurline*, has been lost totally with the wreck of the vessel, which was not insured. On fire ranging the Government expended \$97,234.51, an advance of nearly \$40,000. The expenditures on forest ranging also increased from \$45,165 to \$64,887. On the Gillies limit \$30,686 was spent, an increase of \$11,527.

### Cost of Investigations.

There are many minor expenditures given in the accounts, which in themselves are significant. For instance, Mr. James Baird, who conducted the examination in the Van Zant investigation obtained \$1,600 for his services, including his disbursements, while for the same purposes \$1,000 was paid Mr. James W. Rain. The firm of Du Vernet, Raymond, Jones, Ross and Ardagh received \$500 for services in the Bastedo investigation. The services of Mr. A. J. Russell Snow with reference to the investigation of the Blind Institute at Brantford cost \$825. Under the heading "sundry investigations," Mr. J. B. L. Starr is put down as "accountable" for \$2,200.

During the year \$17,925.49 was expended in enforcing the liquor license act, which includes the salaries of special officers. The trip of the British artillerymen to Cobalt cost \$245.58.

The travelling expenses of Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, to the Congress on School Hygiene in London, England, were \$526.34.

### Power Commission Expenses.

The expenses and salaries in connection with the Hydro-electric Power Commission amounted to \$40,524.21, of which the salaries came to \$14,448.42. Last year the expenditure was \$26,000.

The text-book commission cost \$1,292. In the statement T. W. Crothers, one of the commissioners, is put down as receiving \$192 on account of services, while the other two commissioners received \$2,000 each. Mr. Crothers refused to accept payment over his expenses.

### More Amendments.

Dr. Preston (Lanark) will shortly introduce a bill at the Legislature to amend the assessment act. In towns of over 5,000 householders are assessed on income on all over \$1,000, and single men on all over \$700. In towns under 5,000 the limit for householders is \$700, and single men \$400. Dr. Preston proposes that assessment should be the same in all towns in this regard. He introduced a similar bill last session, but it was never carried through, owing to an expected revision of the statutes.

Mr. Hugh Clark (Centre Bruce) is introducing an amendment respecting chattel mortgages. The object of the bill is to prevent the giving of chattel mortgages on goods that are exempt from seizure for debt or damage. The bill simply follows along the idea of the present act, but it makes it more clear.

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