

TREASURER HAS A SMALL SURPLUS

Revenue Increased and so Did
Expenditure.

CASH BALANCE REDUCED

Outlay on Capital Account Was
Heavy.

Niagara Transmission Line, New Provincial Reformatory and Work on Parliament Buildings Took Large Sums—Earnings of T. & N. O. Railway Decreased.

A surplus of a little more than three thousand dollars in the current accounts is what remains of a revenue that reached \$350,137 above the estimate of the Provincial Treasurer. The revenue for the year, according to the statement of Hon. A. J. Matheson, brought down in the House yesterday, amounted to \$8,891,004, an increase over the estimates being returned by every branch of the service except the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. The expenditure, however, increased proportionately, amounting to \$8,887,520, and the outlay on capital account, including the Niagara Transmission Line, the new Provincial Reformatory, the construction of the new wing of the Parliament buildings, as well as the burned west wing, reduced the cash balance in the Provincial Treasury by nearly two millions.

The chief sources of increase were the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, the liquor licenses and the succession duties, although the other departments contributed a fair share. The revenue of Hon. Frank Cochrane's department amounted to \$2,951,428, or \$151,428 more than estimated. The return from succession duties was \$758,445, or \$108,446 above expectations. Licenses returned the Province \$580,162, an increase of \$80,162.

Government Railway Fell Behind.

From the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway the revenue derived was but \$420,000, or \$225,000 less than the estimate. The speech from the Throne spoke of an increase in the earnings of the road as compared with last year but the statement of the Treasurer shows a decrease of \$130,000. For the ten months of 1909 the returns of the road were \$550,000. The reason for the decrease, as already given in The Globe, was principally the falling off in the shipments of coal as a result of the installation of hydraulic power.

The total expenditure was \$8,887,520, which leaves a surplus of \$3,484. Education took \$1,700,797, agriculture \$621,514, and maintenance of public institutions \$1,076,042.

The amount carried forward at the close of the last financial year was \$5,086,283, and this amount has been reduced to \$3,177,589. This reduction is accounted for by the expenditure on capital account. Under this heading are expenditures of \$2,100,547 for the Niagara transmission line, and \$29,909 for the Port Arthur transmission line, \$149,520 for rebuilding the burned west wing of the Parliament buildings, \$121,232 for the new north wing, \$28,047 for an addition to Osgoode Hall, and \$90,670 for the new Government House. The new Provincial prison took \$174,528, and the grants to counties on the good roads agreement amounted to \$150,316. The statutory advance to the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway was \$785,000.

On the other side of the ledger are receipts, apart from the regular revenues of the Province, including \$1,451,235, the balance on the Ontario loan of \$3,500,000, which was received during the year. The sale of the Government House property is represented in an advance of \$80,000, while the insurance on the burned wing of the Parliament buildings was \$138,968.

The Province is Solvent.

The cash and debenture assets of the Province are placed at \$24,553,701. The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway is valued as an asset at the amounts advanced by the Province on capital account, \$16,123,338. The Niagara transmission line and the Port Arthur transmission line figure as assets of \$2,587,441 and \$29,909, respectively.

The direct liabilities are placed at \$22,083,430, and the indirect liabilities at \$9,260,000. The principal item under this heading is the guarantee of the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway to the extent of \$7,860,000.