

fixing the grant according to the number of patients, which was increasing.

#### Why Salaries Vary.

Capt. Machin asked why the salary of the Local Master of Titles at Kenora, in his constituency, \$1,200, was so much lower than that of the Master at Sault Ste. Marie, \$2,000. Was not the cost of living just as great at Kenora? he asked. Mr. Hearst (Sault Ste. Marie) explained that the salary was based, he thought, partly on the earnings of the office. Mr. Machin also asked information why the Sheriff of Algoma was paid \$1,200 while other Sheriffs got \$1,000. Mr. Hearst pointed out that the Sheriff of Algoma is also described as District Treasurer.

Mr. J. McEwing (West Wellington) asked why the appropriation for technical education for 1912 is only \$96,300, while that for 1911 was \$103,700. The explanation was that this year there was the amount of \$187,400 in some special appropriations not required for 1912.

Mr. Valentin Stock asked why the cost of salaries and expenses at the Hospital for the Insane at London was only about twice that of the Cobourg institution (\$60,890 and \$30,110, respectively), whereas the number of patients was six times as large (1,078 as against 1603. Hon. Mr. Hanna explained that the cost of administration was lower per capita in the larger institution.

## ESTIMATES OVER EIGHT MILLIONS

### Heavy Expenditure Needed on Capital Account.

### FOR ELECTION EXPENSES.

**Important Government Bills Given Third Reading—Hon. J. S. Duff Refuses to Make Provincial Milk Standard—Mr. J. J. Carrick Rouses Sir James.**

An expenditure of considerably over eight million dollars is provided for in the main estimates for 1911-1912, tabled in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Hon. A. J. Matheson. In placing the estimates before the House the Provincial Treasurer explained that over five hundred thousand dollars of the amount asked for was for expenditures on capital account, for the new Provincial prison, the Government House, Parliament buildings additions and the new Provincial Museum. Otherwise the estimates were substantially the same as last year.

The total current expenditure for the year is estimated at \$7,332,411, capital account expenditures will require \$625,500, while for colonization and mining roads \$133,000 is needed, bringing the total estimated expenditure for the year ending October 31, 1912, to \$8,090,911.

#### For the General Election.

The general election in 1912 is foreshadowed by the increase in the amount required for election expenses. The Provincial Treasurer is asking for \$125,000 for general expenses, and an additional \$3,500 for a revision of voters' lists. The preparation of voters' lists in unorganized territory will require \$14,000.

Another important increase is one of \$20,000 for the expenses of the Hydro-electric Commission. The sum

provided for this year was \$50,000, but for 1912 the needs of the Commission have been placed at \$70,000.

#### New Veterinary College.

The construction of a new Veterinary College is provided for by an appropriation of \$50,000; this is in addition to the \$20,000 voted in the supplementary estimates for the purchase of a site. The Ontario Agricultural College is to purchase additional land; \$5,000 will be voted for that purpose.

Two hundred thousand dollars is provided for the new Government House, and \$190,000 for the Parliament buildings. Of this amount \$50,000 is for the reconstruction of the west wing, \$100,000 for the north addition and \$30,000 for library fittings. These sums are to be voted in addition to those spent during the last year. The new Provincial prison at Guelph will require \$75,000. This will cover general expenses and erection of buildings.

#### Money for the North.

The needs of the north are being met by several new votes. Fort William is to receive a new Industrial Home at a cost of \$20,000, while \$5,000 will be appropriated for the Court House at Port Arthur, in connection with which Mr. J. J. Carrick voiced a complaint in the House several days ago. Lockups at Hilton and at Michipicoten will receive grants of \$500 and \$800 respectively, and \$5,000 is to be spent on the Fort Frances Court House.

An additional \$8,000 is to be voted for the maintenance of patients in municipal sanitariums for consumptives.

#### For Industrial Education.

The vote for education is a little smaller than this year. The appropriation of \$20,000 voted in the supplementary estimates for carrying on evening industrial classes under the new technical education bill is continued in the main estimates for 1912.

#### A Little Tiff.

Sir James Whitney and the fighting member from Port Arthur had another little tiff in the House. The trouble arose in the consideration of the bill respecting the municipality of Shuniah. The bill provides for the doing away of the special assessment of lands in Shuniah, where several men hold large blocks of land by paying nominal taxes. Mr. J. J. Carrick, who introduced the bill, urged that the special assessment was holding back development, and it was reported with a proviso that it was not to come into force for two years.

When the bill was taken up in committee Mr. Carrick tried to move an amendment to have it come into force at once. He referred to the original bill giving special assessments as an "iniquitous" one, and declared that he was entitled to have anything removed that was holding back the development of the north.

#### A Reflection on the Committee.

The Prime Minister took exception to the word "iniquitous" as a reflection on the Private Bills Committee. The member had no right to move an amendment without having given notice. When Mr. Carrick asked if he would be given another opportunity to move an amendment he was advised to read the rules of the House.

"You can move an amendment on the third reading," remarked Mr. W. H. Hoyle, who was acting as Chairman of the committee.

"Don't suggest, let him find out for himself," said Sir James.

#### Milk Bill Goes Through.

The new Government milk bill was given a third reading. A number of amendments were made in committee, but Hon. A. G. MacKay failed to convince Hon. Mr. Duff, Minister of Agriculture, that a Provincial standard for milk was better than a multiplicity of them, as the bill leaves room for. The clause to which objection was taken gives power to each municipality to fix the standards and regulate the conditions surrounding the milk used within its boundaries. The Liberal leader again pointed out that a producer who sent milk to several municipalities was likely to have several different standards to live up to, according to the ideas of each city. The Minister of Agriculture thought that a general standard would have to be a

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