

Under Tories.

1893 Ordinary and special expenses	\$1,190,522.85
1894 Ordinary and special expenses	4,267,916.07
1895 Ordinary and special expenses	4,165,727.44
1896 Ordinary and special expenses	4,009,707.00
Total expenditure	\$16,753,903.36
Total expenditure under Mercier	\$17,563,989.21
Total expenditure under Tories	16,753,903.36
Excess under Mercier	\$809,185.85

But from the expenditure under Mercier must be deducted the amount paid on

bonds resulting from the operations of our predecessors, so that matters stand as follows:

Amount paid on obligations arising from the acts of the Rossaudon Government	\$1,023,261.17
Settlement of Jesuits' estate question—voted unanimously	400,000.00
	\$1,423,261.17

Therefore crediting these items, the balance in favor of the Mercier rule is, \$611,078.32.

Not only has the present Government increased the expenditure as compared with the former Administration, but the increase has been going on ever since it came into power.

How the Expenses are Running Up.

Ordinary Expenses.

1893	\$3,952,258.75
1894	3,876,990.81
1895	4,013,228.13
1896	4,011,221.60
1897—According to the Treasurer's estimate	4,171,997.38
1898—Estimate of ordinary expenses as given by the Budget	\$1,042,910.42
To which must be added supplementary estimates, etc	150,000.00
Expenses of collection of taxes, etc.	50,000.00
	\$1,242,900.42

The average of the ordinary expenses under Mercier was \$3,721,461.10 per annum, whilst under the present Government it is \$4,051,763.24, from which it is evident that the economic Tories are costing the country, on an average \$335,302.14 per annum more than the "extravagant" Mercier did.

These figures are from official documents. (See Public Accounts for 1893 to 1896 and the budget as prepared by the Treasurer for 1897 and 1898), yet in spite of these official figures—the Government through its organs and by its speakers never ceases to proclaim its own economy and thrifty administration, as compared with the preceding regime. Let the electors judge the Government by its own record.

The Extraordinary Expenses of Mercier and How They Were Used.

Under the head of ordinary expenses the present Government has spent \$1,027,855.27 more than the Mercier Administration; if the amount of its extraordinary expenses, \$840,203.69 be added, the two sums come to \$1,868,058.96

The Mercier Government, under the head of special expenses disbursed 1,653,960.61

The Mercier Government spent less by 211,078.32

From this it is evident that the present Government has spent more under the head of ordinary expenses and less in extraordinary expenses, that is to say, the Mercier Administration spent \$1,653,960.61 in extraordinary expenses against \$840,203.69, making an excess of \$813,776.65, and the present Government has spent in controllable expenses \$1,027,855.27 more than the Mercier Government.

The following list will show the nature of the works done under the Mercier regime and also the value of the same:

Jesuits' Estates	\$100,000.00
Iron bridges in the municipalities	251,460.42
Court House, Montreal, (extension)	239,422.63
Night Schools	59,757.55
McGill Normal School	63,305.00
McGill Cartier School	80,000.00
Jacques Cartier School	111,000.00
Codification of the laws	50,000.00
Colonization roads	4,315.23
Ballasting roads	50,000.00
Seeds for sowing	27,263.44
New prison at Montreal	
Smundry court houses and prisons	67,622.47
Exposition ground at Montreal	53,721.90
Art School, Quebec	5,532.00
University of Toronto (grant)	10,000.00