

Where such railways promote colonization purposes by settling the country, all the more reason why the government should aid in these undertakings; as I have said before, the financial condition of the country must be kept imperatively in view.

CIVIL DEPARTMENTS.

Allow me to say a few words upon the organization of the different Departments of the Civil Government. In commencing the establishment of a new Government, it became necessary not only to organize these on some regular plan, to systematize the work to be done, but also to divide the work amongst the different departments, so as to ensure proper efficiency, and prevent any thing like undue interference by one department with another. This has all been done, and the working of the different departments has been found satisfactory. The improvements upon the old system adopted by the Dominion Government have been adopted here. (Applause.) In every respect, I think our system will compare favourably with that of any other Province in the Dominion. I have no hesitation in saying that the management of our Crown Lands is vastly improved, and our Revenue largely increased, to what was the case during the former Government of Canada. Our Public Works Department, is to say the least, well managed, and the supervision exercised over the large expenditure for Colonization roads, more strict, with better results than hitherto obtained under the old regime.

The laws introduced into this House and adopted by it for the various Departments of the Government threw a great responsibility on the administration in preparing these measures, and they have in the main been found to work well. Of course in starting a new machine, it was to be expected that some parts of the machinery would produce more friction than was desirable, and that time and some alterations would be required to have all its parts work in harmony; also, that some delays would occur in bringing all the different parts to act in unison, so that the public business would not suffer, but I think the administration deserve well of this House and the Country, for their successfully working out, thus far, our present government.