

nary expenditures and for railway subsidies and for capital account. Now, I do not at all desire to deny that the estimates brought down are very considerable, but I call your attention to the fact that a very large proportion of these estimates are for works of public utility in the first place, and that for a very large amount of them you will receive amounts which will fully recoup you for all your expenditure.

But the point that I want more particularly to make is this: Mr. Foster thinks the expenditure for the last year, which will amount to about \$52,000,000 for all purposes, is most extravagant and unparalleled. He is very severe on the projected expenditure, but he is still more severe on the actual expenditure, on the actual expenditure for the year 1899, which will amount probably for all purposes and objects to about \$52,000,000, although, mind you, it does not involve borrowing a single cent. Here, sir, are Mr. Foster's own estimates for 1897. There were, first, main estimates, \$38,357,548; supplementary estimates, \$4,660,000; capital, \$2,819,000; railway subsidies, \$2,772,000; Prince Edward Island Railway, 127 miles, \$2,500,000; subsidies for the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, \$1,650,000, and the fast Atlantic service, \$750,000. Mr. Foster, under the conditions I have named, having a deficit of about \$4,000,000 in 1895, without any apparent justification for undertaking increased expenditure, without making any provision for meeting the deficiency, was prepared in 1897, to have asked the people of Canada for \$53,508,000. And Mr. Foster is appalled that Mr. Fielding, in 1900, under circumstances so widely and totally different from those which existed in 1896, should have spent a matter of \$52,000,000 or thereabouts for the public service. Remember, that in these fifty-three and a half millions of Mr. Foster's there was not one solitary cent called for maintaining the Yukon—a charge of \$1,500,000 or \$1,700,000 in the case of Mr. Fielding; there was nothing for the additional sinking fund, which amounted to \$500,000; there was nothing for the South African contingents, which amounted to close upon \$2,000,000; there was nothing for the additional interest rendered necessary for the purpose of meeting these various additions to the net debt of Canada that I alluded to a few moments ago.

Deduct therefrom Mr. Fielding's estimate—as I have the right to deduct them for the purpose of this comparison—and you find that striking out the Yukon, striking out the additional sinking fund, striking out the South African contingents, and making allowance for the interest on Mr. Foster's liabilities that has accrued in the interval, you will find that Mr. Fielding's total expenditure would have amounted to about \$46,000,000; and Mr. Foster is appalled at that, although he was prepared to ask for \$53,500,000 for his own purpose for the year 1897. Mr. Foster's main estimate was \$38,358,000. His supplementary estimates, chargeable to income only, which I have here, amount to \$3,180,000. His total amount chargeable to ordinary expenditure consolidated fund, amounted, therefore, in 1897 to \$41,537,000. Now, sir, Mr. Fielding expended about \$43,000,000—perhaps not quite as much, but we will say