

on superannuations, \$3,521 ; on subsidies, \$21,901 ; and the Supplementary Estimates, \$627,000. I do not know that the hon. member desires me to give the details of the increased interest, but I hold a statement of it in my hand, showing it to amount to \$285,000. But I may say here that, while the expenditure reached, as I stated, \$24,445,381, the lapsed balances, as will be seen by the statement laid on the Table of the House at the request of hon. gentlemen opposite, amount to about \$700,000. Had the \$742,938 of lapsed balances been expended by the present Administration, the deficiency would have been \$4,161,866. But I do not purpose, Sir, to charge hon. gentlemen opposite with the amount unexpended, because we know that there are always lapsed balances.

MR. ANGLIN : Hear, hear.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY : The hon. member for Gloucester says "Hear, hear." It is quite clear, Sir, that the deficiency, if it had not been for the \$1,300,000 that was received as a result of the changes in the Tariff and the largely increased revenues in the Customs and Excise during January and February, would have been \$3,482,917. But, Sir, it will be quite readily understood, I think, that, under these circumstances, while we were basing our calculations for the future upon a deficiency of \$2,000,000, we practically had to deal with a deficiency of over three millions of dollars, and it will not be surprising if our expectations with reference to the balances of the current year, based on a new estimate, which I purpose submitting, will be found not to be entirely realised. Sir, it means not only an increased expenditure for the current year of over a million on this basis, but it means an increased expenditure of a million a year for future years. We must necessarily see, in making our calculations for the future, whether we can possibly, with the greatest economy, make the two ends meet. There may be some criticism with reference to the expenditure for which Supplementary Estimates were asked last year I have gone into the different items of which they were formed, and I find that they contained items amounting to about \$100,000 in all, for which the present Government are responsible. I know

hon. gentlemen opposite may say : " You asked in that vote for an additional sum for railways." We know, Sir, that the expenditure for the Intercolonial Railway for that year exceeded very largely the estimate by our hon. friends opposite ; but, Sir, that additional expenditure cannot be charged upon the present Administration. The deficiency on that public work reached \$700,000 during last year. The deficiency during the first six months amounted to \$380,000 ; so that the deficiency during the first six months of the year, for which hon. gentlemen opposite were mainly responsible, and during the other six months, for which they were partially responsible, was in the main the result of their administration. Therefore, if we examine this matter with the view of ascertaining how far we were right or wrong in regard to this proposition, it will be seen, I think, very clearly, that the expenditure, at all events, for which our hon. friends opposite were responsible, would have left a deficiency of at least three millions instead of two during that year. I now come to the consideration of the expenditure for the present year. I have prepared a revised statement of the revenue and expenditure, having regard to the experience we have had down to the present time. I estimated, last year, that we would probably receive during the present year from Customs \$14,000,000, exclusive of, as I stated then, an estimate of \$500,000, which was collected in February and March, and which fairly and legitimately belongs to the present year, but which at the close of the year was found to amount to \$700,000 instead of \$500,000. I now am firm, Sir, in the opinion that, apart from that money collected last year that belongs to this year, the receipts from Customs will be, as estimated, \$14,000,000 for this year. It has been said that the revenue up to the 1st of January does not warrant such a conclusion, but, if we will examine the amount received from Customs up to that period, and add to it even \$500,000, our original estimate, we shall find that it is very nearly half the \$14,500,000 estimated for the whole year, and, when we take into consideration that we have probably consumed, or that there have been thrown upon the market the goods that paid the duty last year and belonging to this, we may fairly expect during the

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