

In his speech on the 15th February, 1889, (page 7) Hon Mr. Shehyn said, "We have to acknowledge, for 1888, a surplus of \$373,000 in the ordinary receipts over the ordinary expenditure."

I think I will show that his surplus of \$157,927 promised in his April speech of 1887 was gone, and the \$373,000 is a myth. He received the following sums which he never anticipated or never calculated upon, and, in fact, they are not even hinted at in his speech of 1887 :—

From Ontario School Fund.....	\$100,000 00
Arrears Commercial Corporation Tax.....	558,393 00
City of Montreal, settlement.....	62,820 95

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\$721,213 95

Deduct supposed surplus.....	\$373,000 00
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Actual deficit.....\$348,213 95

Not including \$135,000, at least, charged to special expenditure, which was really ordinary expenditure.

Mr. L. G. Desjardins criticized very fiercely and properly the prognostications and administration of Mr. Shehyn, and cited the above figures. Mr. Robertson and myself followed Mr. Desjardins, and by dint of hammering compelled Mr. Shehyn to reply and state the facts. He did so, and in his subsequent speech delivered on the 8th March, 1889, at page 21, referring to the year 1888, Mr. Shehyn said he admitted this, and said, "according to my estimates I counted upon a total of \$3,020,522.80 of ordinary receipts, not including \$40,000 received from the common school fund over and above the \$60,000 upon which I counted, when I made my estimates, nor the \$557,665 and the \$100,000 of increase in other services which I had not included in the same forecast." He alluded of course to the forecasts in his speech of 1887.

#### CITY OF MONTREAL SETTLEMENT.

On 8th August, 1887, the Government had a claim against the city for unsettled accounts of previous years amounting to \$215,637.46 for maintenance of insane, and of prisoners, for gaol guards, subscription to Hull bridge and for cost of lands expropriated for railway from Hochelaga to Dalhousie square. It was settled for \$125,000; of this \$62,320.95 was placed as above mentioned as an "ordinary" receipt, and the balance \$62,179.05 as a "special" receipt.

Then for the year 1888-89 he estimated, (page 47, speech, 14th June, 1888), in ordinary expenses and receipts a surplus of \$68,413.06. The following is a synopsis of that year's transactions, taking again Mr. Shehyn's own classification of expenditure :—