

for tobacco, we have had to take into account the large stock on hand in the Maritime Provinces, and also that the machinery for collection of revenue there is not yet perfect. Hence we have set down the revenue from this source at only \$515,152, although believing it may exceed that figure. From petroleum, last year, we got \$99,000; and this year, considering that the large stocks on hand when the duty was imposed, are now reduced, we have placed the estimate at \$120,000. These three sums with a few minor items constitute the aggregate of \$3,300,000 under the head of Exeise. Then the third item of revenue, Miscellaneous, including the revenue from Public Works, the Post Office, Stamps, Investments—for we have now a considerable amount of money invested—we estimate at \$2,750,600, making in all, as the House will perceive, an estimated revenue which has not we believe been exaggerated, and in which no allowance whatever has been made for the increased stimulus likely to be given to our import trade in consequence of the Public Works in progress and contemplation both in the East and in the West, of \$14,650,600, against an estimated expenditure of \$14,341,814. This leaves a very small, but, I believe, a very certain balance of \$308,786 on the right side of our account. (Cheers.) Under these circumstances, in preparing the estimates, we felt economy to be one of our paramount duties, and we have done what we could in that way. We now ask for certain sums to enable us to carry on the public service, and if the House does not vote them, the money cannot be spent. Should money at any time be expended in defiance of the wishes of this House, a return of that expenditure will be laid on the table within ten days after the opening of next Session, and the Government must be prepared to account to the House for it; but I believe that, so far from anything of this kind taking place, the Government will be able at the next meeting of Parliament to show an excess on the right side of the account. We believe we can keep the estimated expenditure within the estimated revenue, and show something—even though it should be a small sum—to the good. (Loud cheers.)

HON. MR. HOLTON.—What items compose our Miscellaneous revenue?

HON. MR. ROSE.—The Miscellaneous revenue is made up chiefly of the following items:—Public Works, \$890,000; Post Office, \$570,000; Stamps, \$130,000; Investments, \$300,000. I may just mention by way of explanation, before I close, that the House will perceive in the Estimates an item for the sinking fund, of \$336,300. I think it but right that the item should appear as charged against the income for the year, and should be put in the estimates of the year, but that sinking fund is partly provided for, and of course it lessens our present balances, for we have bought it in advance, having really more money than we otherwise knew what to do with. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion I must thank the House for the kindness with which it has listened to me, and for a continuance of the same general support which I have hitherto received at its hands. (Cheers.)