

Your Lordship will observe, that a practice prevails of taking up credits with the Private Banks in the Province to meet these deficiencies, and also of allowing interest on outstanding Warrants,—that £36,368 currency, is thus due to the Bank of New Brunswick, and £24,795 currency, upon Warrants. The Provincial Act for sanctioning this arrangement has been renewed in the last Session. For the sums deposited in Savings' Banks, Treasury Bonds are issued, the amount of which by an Act of this Session may be increased to £20,000.

I hope that all impediments will be removed to the issue of negotiable securities at such a rate of interest as will be adequate to sustain their credit for the sums which the Province may have to raise to meet its disbursements.

In reviewing these disbursements Your Lordship will observe that considerable sums have been granted in the past and present years for Roads and Bridges, and for Schools; that these disbursements may be more effectually regulated than at present appears to be generally admitted, but no doubt can be entertained of the Public advantage resulting from such expenditure, and I would observe, that as seven eighths of the land or fourteen millions of acres are estimated to be at the disposal of the Crown and unreclaimed, it is obviously impossible that the inhabitants of the settled parts of the Province from their own resources can defray the expenses required to be incurred in opening so vast an extent of wilderness to an Emigrant population, but the works required being reproductive, when the Country has been settled, there can be no difficulty in raising the funds required for the purpose, and of providing for the payment of the interest and ultimate redemption of the principal.

The remark, page 33, as to the increase of expenditure, indicates the irregularity consequent upon the mode of providing for the Public expenses; Warrants for sums payable at the Treasury remaining outstanding at interest, and the amount not brought to account within the year, causing an excess or diminution of the charges of one year with another.

*Local Revenues, Page 35, 39.*

The adoption of effectual measures for the formation of settlements by European Emigrants on the wilderness lands would greatly augment the Revenue arising from the sales of lands, and without diminishing for a considerable time that derived from Timber cut on the reserve lands.

Tracts of land in favourable situations for such settlements in different parts of the Province have been selected, and are in progress of being surveyed, and Emigration Societies are organizing in the several Counties.

*Public Works, Page 51, 53.*

It would be very desirable that the accounts of expenses incurred under this head should be kept in such a manner as to admit of the Return being filled up. By the Acts referred to, considerable Appropriations are annually made at the discretion of the Assembly in aid of the construction of Public Roads and of Bye Roads; and although the appointments of Supervisors for the Public Roads are made by the Lieutenant Governor, there is no effectual controul over the expenditure, as the accounts have not been rendered to the Executive Government, but reserved for audit by the Assembly in the following year.

The Bye Roads are superintended by Commissioners, and the same observation is applicable