

DEBT AND EXPENDITURE LARGELY INCREASED.

The Conservative Government has increased this debt since then nearly \$110,000,000, until, as shown by the Canada Gazette of February 7, it stood, 31 January, 1895, at close upon \$250,000,000. equal to \$50 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion.

Now it may well be asked by any man in the Maritime Provinces How much of this \$110,000,000 increased public debt has been spent in the Maritime Provinces? Of course a large sum went to pay for the Canadian Pacific Railway and other large sums in building new canals and deepening others, but after making every reasonable allowance for important and necessary PUBLIC WORKS, it is evident that there must have been GROSS AND UNBOUNDED EXTRAVAGANCE, while in many cases the country was DEFRAUDED AND ROBBED.

Taking each ten years and starting at Confederation we find the nett debt as follows: (See Public Accounts, 1894, p. xxx.)

1867.....	\$ 75,728,641.37
1877.....	132,235,309.00
1887.....	227,314,775.44
1894.....	246,183,029.48
1895, Jan. 31.....	249,407,462.55

Now look at our nett taxes paid to the Government during same periods. These taxes consist of customs and excise duties alone. •

In 1867 we paid in taxes,	-	\$ 11,700,681.08
" 1877 " "	-	17,697,924.00
" 1887 " "	-	28,687,000.00
" 1894 " "	-	27,579,203.00

(See Public Accounts, 1894, p. xxxii.)

In the intervening years of 1889, 1890 and 1891 we paid respectively \$30,613,522, \$31,587,071, and \$30,314,151.

Now while the public debt and the taxes have increased as shown, how has the annual expenditure been maintained?

We give the figures taken from the Public Accounts as follows:

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.

.....8	* 13,486,092.00
.....7-8	23,503,158.25
1887-8.....	36,718,494.79
1893-4	37,585,025.52