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Treasurer Estimates Large Deficit For Ontario

Revenue of \$20,211,378 and Expenditure of \$22,051,401 Estimated for Year Ending October 31, 1920—Hon. Peter Smith's First Budget Speech is Brief and Clear—Capital Expenditure to be \$17,932,830—Heavier Taxation to be Levied—Government Committed to Generous Support of Education and Public Health Measures

EXPENDITURE and revenue of the Ontario government will continue to increase, according to the estimates for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1920, submitted to the legislature on Tuesday. This is the first budget brought down by the farmer-labor coalition, which assumed office last October, and has been awaited with a great deal of interest. The estimated receipts and expenditures on ordinary account are as follows:—

RECEIPTS

Subsidiary	\$ 2,396,378
Interest on common school funds by the Dominion	75,000
Interest on investment	225,000
Lands and Forests Department	1,750,000
Mines Department	850,000
Public institutions	600,000
Education Department	70,000
Provincial Secretary's Department	370,000
Motor vehicles licenses	1,850,000
Agriculture	175,000
Casual revenue	500,000
Insurance Department	90,000
The Amusement Tax Act	1,000,000
Succession duties	4,000,000
Corporation Tax Act	2,500,000
The Ontario Temperance Act	300,000
Law stamps	150,000
Game and Fisheries	700,000
Hydro-Electric Power Commission, interest, etc.	2,600,000
Total estimated receipts	\$20,211,378

EXPENDITURES

Civil government	\$ 1,544,988
Legislation	333,616
Administration of justice	832,796
Education	4,299,672
Public institutions	3,223,886
Agriculture	1,303,395
Colonization and immigration	211,271
Hospitals and charities	770,252
Maintenance and repairs of government buildings ..	343,541
Public buildings	502,506
Public works	207,400
Colonization roads	90,000
Highways Department	169,111
Game and fisheries	307,200
Attorney-General's Department, miscellaneous... ..	117,150
Treasury Department, miscellaneous	404,701
Provincial Secretary's Department, miscellaneous ..	393,102
Lands, forests and mines	1,417,569
Department of Labor	274,406

Refund account	164,571
Miscellaneous expenditure	133,689

Total **\$17,044,830**

Capital expenditures, not included above, are estimated as follows: Parliament Buildings, for additional accommodation, \$150,000; Ontario Hospital, Kingston, nurses' home, \$25,000; Ontario Hospital, Whitby, additional buildings, \$250,000; Industrial Farm, Burwash, \$95,000; educational buildings, \$150,000; agricultural buildings, \$93,000; court houses in districts, \$125,000. These items total \$888,000, making a total estimated expenditure of \$17,932,830.

First supplementary estimates, also presented to the House on Tuesday, total \$4,118,571, the larger items being civil government, \$243,338; education, \$875,125; public institutions, \$856,146. This makes a total ordinary expenditure of \$21,163,401, apart from the capital expenditure of \$888,000, or a total of \$22,051,401. The supplementary estimates provide \$3,575 for Normal and Model schools in Toronto; \$20,500 for technical education; \$100,000 to Royal College of Dental Surgeons; \$55,000 for Ontario Hospital at Mimico; \$1,500 for Ontario Hospital, Toronto; \$3,055 to Ontario Veterinary College; government House, \$9,891; Osgoode Hall, \$3,050; Parliament Buildings, \$21,554; Ontario Hospital at Mimico, \$25,215; Normal and Model schools, Toronto, \$10,673; decorating government building and grounds for His Royal Highness' visit, \$18,196. In an item of \$700,183 for public and separate school education, the supplementary estimates include \$250,000 for rural public and separate schools, counties, and an additional \$100,000 for rural public and separate school districts. A sum of \$44,500 is set aside for agricultural and horticultural grants to school boards, public and separate schools, and \$40,000 for continuation schools. Subventions to publishers as supplementing retail price of text books account for \$50,000, and departmental examinations, \$60,000. To provide for payment of per diem allowance and expenses of returned soldiers attending academic and professional course as teachers, \$65,000 is set aside.

Some Recent Changes

Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, referred briefly to the province's financial position. Considerable change had been made in the method of presenting the accounts, and if the previous methods had been pursued a deficit of only \$632,813 for the present year would have been shown. Loans to a total of \$28,462,899 had been made during 1919. The whole of the war tax of 1 per cent. on municipal assessments had been placed in ordinary revenue. Since its inception this had yielded \$8,186,964, and war expenditures had been \$10,210,000, leaving a war deficit of \$1,813,225. Mr. Smith thought that this tax, instead of being repealed by the late