

APPENDIX No. 22.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, have examined the same and the vouchers therewith submitted, and beg to report as follows :

By the Receiver General's account there appears a balance in favor of the Province to 31st December, 1863, of \$100,745 67.

The revenue arising from Excise duties to the 31st of December, 1863, was \$861,989 41—being an increase over that of the preceding year of \$31,862 84.

The gross amount of Light duties collected in 1863 was,	\$32,343 80
In 1862 it was,	31,164 50

Increase in 1863,	<u>\$1,179 30</u>
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Total revenue from Excise and Light Duty in 1863, \$894,333 21.

(See Appendix A.)

There was due from Collectors of Excise and Light Duties to 31st December, 1863,

Since paid,	\$48,069 38
	40,622 17

Balance due,	<u>\$7,447 21</u>
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(See Appendix B.)

Statement of Light Duty collected in 1863 at the Strait of Canso :

Collected by A. Fraser,	\$3861 40
" J. Purcell,	2016 10

Total in 1863,	<u>\$5877 50</u>
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Expenses—per account A. Fraser,	\$970 68
" " J. Purcell,	1262 05
	<u>2232 73</u>

Net proceeds,	<u>\$3644 77</u>
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By account from the Financial Secretary's office there appears due from the late Collector at the Strait of Canso, A. Fraser, \$988 42, a large portion of which he claims to be released from, in consequence of having, as stated by him, taken American notes in payment for light duty without allowance for discount.

(See Appendix B. 1.)

CASUAL REVENUE.

The proceeds from the casual revenue for 1863 was,
In 1862 it was,

\$40,933 19
33,540 06

Increase in 1863,	<u>\$7,393 13</u>
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