

ed, may easily be so divided, as to suit the means of industrious contractors of good character and small capital. Advances in the manner heretofore practised in this Province, may be fatal to the speedy, economical and proper accomplishment of the work intended to be performed, and involve many persons in law suits and heavy losses, to the great injury of the community. Addresses to the Governor to cause prosecutions for the settlement of the advances already made, have been repeated since 1824.

In 1823, the amount was,	£111,890 17 2
1824, " "	116,659 15 4
1825, " "	95,460 2 0

4^o. and 5^o. *Supply for the support of Government, and special appropriations.*—The amount of the former, last year, including the Lieutenant Governor's salary, granted during his residence, and militia pensions permanently granted, was £64,000, of the latter about £47,000; forming in the whole £111,000.

The cash in the Receiver General's chest, and estimated current revenue of 1825, to meet this appropriated expenditure, was stated by the Inspector General of provincial accounts at £116,496 18s. 5½d., including £19,120 18 6, from bonds for duties, given in 1824,

The supply and special appropriations for 1826, and payments and interests on loans for the Lachine Canal, must of course be chiefly taken out of the revenue of the year 1826, of which an estimate only can be formed.

Hitherto the Province, under all its difficulties, has been so fortunate as to have been kept free from debt, excepting for the Lachine Canal: that is, the existing generation has at least had the virtue not to riot on the means of future generations, and expose them to the burthens, which, according to natural justice, each generation ought to bear for itself.

The Legislature being now assembled, it is not thought expedient to notice the *new* measures which are reported to be in agitation. They will develop themselves daily.

If devotion to the general interest of the Province, the repression of abuses prejudicial thereto, and the strengthening the security of the Free Government happily established therein by Law, the affording the utmost security and freedom to industry, with every possible facility, are objects sincerely and diligently followed by all the Branches of the Legislature, there can be no doubt but the result of the Session will be highly beneficial not only to the Province, but also to the interests of Great Britain in this quarter of the world.

Quebec, 25th January 1826.