

ditions to those institutions which now exist; and the other, cross entries in the Public Accounts. The amount asked on current account is under that voted for the year 1876 for the like purpose. The Estimates for 1876 authorised an expenditure on current account amounting to \$2,024,876.91, while what is now proposed is \$1,983,752.82. A difference, however, arises on capital account, for which an expenditure of \$284,130.94 was voted for 1876, while we ask for 1877 an amount of \$432,927.14, and it is chiefly in that particular, and that alone, that the Estimates for 1877 exceed those of 1876. If one looks at the different heads of service which will absorb the current expenditure, it will be seen that the difference is not very great in reference to any Department. There is a slight excess in 1877 in the Department of Civil Government—something like \$4,000. In Education, there is an increase this Session, the particular causes of which will be explained when the items are before the Committee. For Public Institutions there is a larger amount by \$4,000, the sum asked for Immigration is less, and in regard to Agriculture and Arts the amount is almost identical. For Hospitals and Charities and Miscellaneous Expenditure, the amounts are less. When we come to the other items, involving expenditure on capital account in the Public Works Department, and expenditures for Colonization Roads, we find the total represents a considerable increase, although the appropriation for 1876 for Colonization Roads exceeds that proposed to be asked during this Session.

Having, then, this amount of \$2,540,000 for which to ask appropriations, I do not propose to enter upon any minute estimate of the receipts for the present year. These receipts are, as I have often said, chiefly fixed. It is not my duty, and I hope it may never be the duty of any future Treasurer, to propose a scheme in the shape of a budget. The duty of the Treasurer here is simply to lay information as to the transactions of one year before the House, and to make provision for the coming year; but the funds for that purpose have hitherto been more than ample, and we have been able to raise a surplus equal to nearly five million dollars out of our receipts. The resources on which the receipts for 1877 are based, are the old sources from which we have in past years derived a large portion of our income. The only item subject to much fluctuation from one year to another—though not