

it has therefore been decided to leave the matter to arbitration. When we get these two questions settled, I think we shall have some of the main difficulties removed.

Mr. MEREDITH.—Are these the only questions Quebec raises ?

Hon. Mr. ROSS.—There may be other questions, but these are the main questions on which there has been discussion. I may say that there is also a question in connection with the interest upon the Upper Canada Building Fund.

In coming, Mr. Speaker, to the proposed operations of the present year, the estimates distributed yesterday will have given the House information as to what we ask. A few references may not be out of place. For Civil Government you will see that we ask this year \$195,195 against \$191,765 last year, or we are asking \$3,430 more. It will be readily understood that there will be necessarily an increase of work going on from year to year, and also that old, valued and experienced officers will expect increases from time to time, and these cannot be avoided. Then for Legislation we ask \$122,050 against \$123,600 last year. For Administration of Justice we ask \$364,296 against \$372,965 in 1887, a reduction of \$8,430 upon that item. The principal reductions are in connection with Crown Counsel and Criminal Justice Expenditure. Then for Education we ask \$580,062 against \$575,258, an increase of \$4,600, \$3,000 of which is in connection with New and Poor Schools in the outlying districts, and \$1,500 in connection with High Schools. Then for Public Institutions we ask \$703,624 against \$661,106, or an increase of \$42,500. This increase is in connection with the completion and occupation of the new buildings at Hamilton and Orillia for the Insane and Idiotic. For several years we have always expressed the hope that every new building erected would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Province for some years to come, but just as these buildings were completed, so would the necessity spring up for further accommodation, and that accommodation the Government feels itself bound as far as possible to provide. For Immigration we only ask \$7,700 against \$16,900, and I think, as I said before, that that reduction is quite in accordance with public sentiment. It will be seen that we propose to confine our operations this year only to the maintenance of our Liverpool or English Agency, and of our sheds in Toronto, and to providing for a limited amount of literature. For Agriculture we ask \$136,131 against \$139,886, or a reduction of \$3,755, and I may say that it will be noticed in the