

ally large sum, it is true; but let me recall to the minds of my elder auditors the fact that under similar conditions with far fewer public works to maintain, while Mr. Tarte demanded a little more than \$3,000,000, Mr. Mackenzie found himself compelled in 1876 to ask for \$2,791,000—a sum in proportion to the number of public works under his control at that time quite as large as the sum which Mr. Tarte has demanded.

Future Expenses Lighter.

There is no reason whatever for expecting that after these works have been put in proper repair and justice has been done to these localities who were punished by the late Government for their fidelity to Liberal principles, there is no reason whatever to suppose that any unusual or abnormal expenditure will be required for public works; and, in any case, as I have said, it is fair to conclude that while we have a full treasury there is good and fair ground for making a reasonable expenditure for reasonable public purposes. If they can show that this expenditure is extravagant or misplaced, then, gentlemen, they will have very good ground for attacking the present Government; but it is noteworthy to observe that while they charge Mr. Tarte with all manner of extravagance they only backed their opinion in the late Parliament to the extent of about \$32,000 for that was all that they voted to reduce his estimate by, (Cheers.) More than that, I have told you our future obligations by the end of the year 1900 are at present entirely insignificant.

Costly Senate Obstructions.

It is true that the conduct of the Senate, of which I do not desire at present to speak too harshly—the unfortunate conduct of the Senate in refusing to allow us to construct a railway communication between Glenora and Teslin did most undoubtedly gravely embarrass the Government in their recent negotiations with the United States, and will in its long result probably entail upon us a very considerable expenditure for the purpose of opening communication through our own territory with our own country. But, bar that, I know at this present moment of no large expenditure which need be incurred by us, unless very clear and good ground is shown for believing that it is in the public interest to do so.