

which was always a bone of contention, and did more injury to the schools than any other thing. If any sectional assessment was required, the property of widows and persons over sixty, to the extent of \$1000 might be exempted. In some counties a poll tax might be levied on those who paid no other taxes. Passing on to the matter in hand, he was glad that the Provincial Secretary had moved in the matter of the treasury notes in accordance with the report of the Committee. He thought that the Savings' Bank might be managed in the same way, with a profit to the Province of \$10,000, or \$12,000 per year. He would now turn attention to the balance sheet as shown by the Committee. The nett liability of the Province as shown by the report of the Committee, deducting the Provincial treasury notes, and all the available assets, was just about \$8,000,000, but he had prepared a statement of the liability of Nova Scotia as assumed by the Dominion government, which he deemed worthy of being placed before the country, and which viewed the question in a different aspect from that taken by any other statement which had been prepared. By that statement the liabilities assumed or paid by Canada stood thus:

June 30, 1867.	
Railway bonds.....	\$4,961,500.00
Savings' Bank.....	\$657,700.00
Less Suspense.....	5,165.20
	652,534.80
Bal. due Baring Bros.....	1,088,941.62
6 mos. div. on \$4,900,500..	147,115.00
Amt. of arrears paid by Canada.....	464,421.95
Less paid by N. S. for Dominion.....	116,204.05
	348,217.90
Windsor and Annapolis Railway.....	396,465.85
	\$7,594,175.17
ASSETS.	
Stores and supplies in Railway department.....	66,770.32
Arrears at Stations.....	29,160.63
Advances on Contracts....	6,046.73
S. Fleming and others, and bills receivable.....	3,936.39
Suspense Acct.....	10,826.87
Cash on hand and in bank.	4,805.22
	\$121,546.16
Liabilities in Railway Department.....	9,224.62
	112,321.54
Amount actually assumed and paid by Dominion Government.....	\$7,482,453.53
Nova Scotia should also receive 6 months interest on \$348,217.90 of arrears	\$8,705.44
Also 6 months interest on W. & Annapolis Railway subsidy of \$396,465.85..	9,911.65
Also 12 months interest on stores and supplies in Railway \$66,770.....	3,338.50
Also 6 months interest on amounts collected since 30th June, 1867, in Railway Department.....	1,138.77
Also to 12 months interest on difference between the 8,000,000 of debt, and the sum actually paid \$7,482,453.53.....	25,827.35
Total int. due Nova Scotia to June 30, 1868.....	\$48,921.71

I have charged 6 months interest as the average on those payments which are scattered over the year—any one with the items and dates could adjust it to a dollar, and might vary the result to a small extent.

I have also prepared a statement showing the

#### LIABILITIES, 1868-9.

Balance subsidy W. and A. Railway.....\$706,534.15

#### ASSETS, 1868.

Bal. due railway depart. for N. B. survey ... \$10,100.39  
 Do Annapolis do 4,812.39  
 Due by Colchester and Pictou lands, buildings, etc. .... 42,341.95  
 Stores in Light-houses, Pont-t-on-tary, Druid, etc., say 20,000.00 77,254.76 \$629,279.39  
 Add amount paid June 30, 1867.. 7,482,453.53

Total assumed and paid by Dom. Govt. to 30th June, 1869 \$8,111,732.92

This he believed to be a fair and candid statement of our affairs, provided we took care of our province notes. He would now turn attention to another statement which would shew the assets which Canada took as an equivalent for the eight millions of debt which she was bound to assume.

#### ASSETS.

Railway, not including W. & A. subsidy of ..... \$1,103,000 \$7,394,038  
 St. Peters Canal..... 80,000  
 Penitentiary ..... 120,000  
 Steamer Druid & Darling ... 35,000  
 Lighthouses, fog trumpets, establishment at Sable Island ..... 200,000  
 Breakwaters, Government buildings, and other public buildings taken to balance account, which are worth much more..... 170,962  
 \$8,000,000

Thus Canada received full value for the whole debt, to say nothing of the loans to public institutions, road and bridge grants, navigation securities, grants for deepening harbors, &c., which the Canadians include in the statements of their assets.

He then turned attention to the way in which the Canadian debt was represented by assets. The Canadian debt of \$77,020,082 was made up as follows:

St. Lawrence, Welland, Chambley, Lake St. Peter, Burlington Bay and other Canals..... \$16,748,767  
 Ottawa Works..... 1,213,261  
 Harbors, &c. &c. &c. .... 3,148,492  
 Roads and Bridges..... 1,722,538  
 Penitentiary..... 136,631  
 Government Buildings at Ottawa..... 2,378,175  
 Custom Houses, Post Offices & Miscellaneous Buildings and Works..... 1,680,690

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