Public Accounts.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, 2nd January, 1897.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit herewith in the usual form the Public Accounts of the Dominion of Canada for the financial year ended 30th June, 1896.

The receipts on account of Consolidated Fund were \$36,618,590.72 and the expenditure \$36,949,142.03 leaving a deficit of \$330,551.31.

The expenditure on Capital Account was as follows:--

Railways and Canals: Intercolonial Railway \$ 260.713 73 Less—Refunds of previous year's expenditure...... 318 19 -\$260,395 54 Lachine Canal 184,998 25 Ottawa River Works..... 3,850 31 Sault Ste. Marie Canal 189,986 59 Trent Canal.... 392,976 08 Welland Canal 1,677 67 St. Peter's Canal 1,455 21 \$2,519,174 51 Public Works: River St. Lawrence—Ship Channel..... \$ 106,994 73 Port Arthur Harbour 7,830 85 114,825 58 Dominion Lands..... 82.184 15 Militia..... 1,000,000 00 Making a total of \$3,716,184 24 68,669 49 And there was paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway..... \$ Subsidies, amounting to \$834,745.49 were paid to the following railways, viz.:-Atlantic and North-western \$ 186,600 00 3,500 00 55,808 00 Dominion Coal Company...... 32,000 00 Great Northern..... Lake Temiscamingue Colonization 17,900 75 1,440 00 New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Co..... 22,400 00 Oshawa Railway and Navigation Co..... 80,000 00 Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound..... 399,648 75 Carried forward \$