

Colonization Department.

This department, created by a law passed by the Flynn Government, has charge of colonization, mines, surveys and cadastration. Hon. Mr. Turgeon, who presides over it, has managed it to the satisfaction of all and the advantage of the country.

Roads and Bridges.—There was expended for these objects \$100,000 in 1898 and \$75,000 in 1899. The department has given attention as much as possible to these road works in the localities most favorable to the foundation of new settlements. Several large bridges were built.

Surveys.—The department only got the work of absolute necessity done. From \$47,472.34 in 1897, Hon. Mr. Turgeon reduced this expense to \$25,996.77 in 1898 and to \$37,743.00 in 1899, as shown by the departmental reports.

Cadastration.—The expenses of this service were \$21,663.89 in 1897, \$20,000 in 1898, and \$12,000 in 1899, which shows a marked diminution.

During the last three years, colonization has made marked progress in the Matapedia Valley and the Lake St. John region.

Public Works Department.

X We have already seen the saving effected by Hon. Mr. Duffy in the expenses of this department. Here is a fact, which will give an idea of the way in which he managed its business. The Rimouski Court House, which had cost \$31,551.68, was burnt down on the 12th October, 1897. The insurance on the building yielded \$16,791. Hon. Mr. Duffy rebuilt it for \$15,387.45, so that the province has a better building to-day, besides \$1,993.55 to the good.