

an average to \$255,600. So, from Woods and Forests the average estimate for five years was \$542,800, and the average collections reached \$555,000. The total estimated receipts averaged \$815,200, and the total actual receipts \$810,000. As to Lands, the yearly deficiency in collections as compared with estimates averaged \$3,360; and, as to Woods and Forests, the average yearly excess in collections over estimates amounted to \$2,440. I have endeavoured therefore to estimate the receipts from Crown Lands Department by such information as has been furnished me by the Department, which, as this summary shows, has in the past been found to be nearly identical with the actual receipts. Coming then to some of the items of Expenditure for 1876, hon. members will find, when the detailed statement is before them, that the principal difference between the appropriations and the amount actually expended is made up of small sums in connection with the different appropriations. There is but one item in which the difference is larger than would be represented by ten thousand dollars, and that is the item for the Immigration service, where there has been a considerable saving on the amount appropriated last Session. The amount is sufficiently large to justify me in particularising it. The chief saving has been upon the item of advances in reduction of the cost of the passages of immigrants. For this purpose \$25,000 was appropriated, and only \$2,160 was expended. The other items in which there has been an under expenditure are items which are within ten thousand dollars, and most of them are very insignificant, but the total result is, as I have mentioned, a saving of actual expenditures as against the appropriations of \$123,172.

Mr. MEREDITH.—Is it a matter for congratulation that there are so few immigrants coming to the country?

Hon. Mr. CROOKS.—The subject, sir, is rather a large one, and perhaps the hon. gentleman will excuse my discussing it at present, as I am anxious to discharge my duty in as concise terms as possible. (Applause.) The next point is, what is asked of the House in the Estimates for 1877, and what ordinary revenue I propose to rely upon. The Estimates show that a gross total of \$2,540,223.10 is asked for the service of 1877, but that amount represents three different classes of items: firstly, expenditure on current account for carrying on the ordinary services of the country; next, expenditure on capital account for new erections and ad-