It will be seen by reading the report of the Superintendent of the Cartridge Factory that the plant in this factory has been completely remodelled to suit the manufacture of the 303 ammunition. This ammunition is now made there and has been proved to be of the best quality.

The following is an abstract statement of the financial affairs of the department for the fiscal year ended 30th June 1896:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT of the Department of Militia and Defence, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1896.

Expenditure.		
	\$ 6	cts.
Pay of General Officer and Adjutant General Pay of staff, permanent corps and active militia, including allowances.	6,064 347,042	58
Annual drill of the militia. Salaries and wages of civil employees.	98,826 62,999	37
Military properties, works and buildings. Warlike and other stores.	102,983 30,994	32
Arms and ammunition	1,000,000 55,183	53
Provisions, supplies and remounts Transport and freight Grants in aid of Artillery and Rifle Associations and Bands and Military Institutes	120,326 37,482	85
Miscellaneous and unforeseen contingencies Royal Military College cf Canada.	34,555 13,133	'60
Gratuities to officers active military staff placed on retired list	62,102 38,770 1,606	46
Defence of Esquimault, B. C.:— Dominion contribution towards capital expenditure for works and buildings Pay and allowance of a detachment of Royal Marine Artillery of Royal Engineers.	121,891	
Major Guy—N. W. T., 1885. Militia in aid of Civil Power, Township of Low P.Q.	1,067 1,683	
Total.	2,136,713	55
Pensions,		
No.		
Militia—Rebellion, 1885	19,202	
do Fenian Raids, &c	2,892	
do Veterans, War of 1812 2 do Upper Canada, war of 1812 21	60 1,760	00
Total	23,914	40
Revenue.		
Casual	1,095	98
Extra ammunition \$12,350 68 Stores and clothing 2,326 72 Miscellaneous 1,002 61 Rents 7,155 24		
Royal Military College	22,835 19,881	
	42,716	80

I have the honour to be sir, Your obedient servant,

> C. EUG. PANET, Colonel, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.