

The revenue for the four months of the current fiscal year ending October 31 shows an increase over the same period of last year of upwards of four million dollars, including both ordinary and capital expenditure. There was a surplus of about nine and a half million dollars of revenue on the ordinary expenditure and of about six and a half millions over ordinary and capital. The details for the four months referred to are as follows, compared with the same period of 1901 :

Revenue:		
	1901	1902
Customs	\$10,690,761	\$12,306,807
Excise	3,699,261	3,947,357
Post Office	1,045,000	1,190,000
Public Works and Railways.....	2,310,215	2,561,590
Miscellaneous	761,251	938,978
Total	<u>\$18,506,490</u>	<u>\$20,944,733</u>
Expenditure	11,635,373	11,454,859
Capital expenditure	4,456,070	2,980,307

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR—IMMIGRATION

In connection with the recent history and development of Canada there is perhaps nothing on which the friends of the present Government can dwell with more satisfaction than the change in the results of administration in the Department of the Interior, in regard especially to immigration. Everybody understands and appreciates that the future of Canada is largely dependent on the building up of the great fertile plains lying between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains. The enormous production of the last three years in that territory has no doubt been one of the chief factors in the growing trade and prosperity of the whole country. This production can be increased only by the placing of a greater number of settlers upon the lands there. The administration of the present Minister of the Department of the Interior, the Honourable Clifford Sifton, has been most successful in this direction. Here again, figures tell the tale most clearly.

The following statement shows the number of homestead entries reported during the last twelve years; (the cancelled entries being omitted) :

Year:	No. of Homestead Entries
To Oct. 31, 1891	2180
1892.....	2770
1893.....	2497