

for Morden \$8,700.00. The estimate for the Provincial Lands Department was \$7,100, against an expenditure last year of \$2,828.42. In the Railway Commissioner's Department a grant of \$76,500.00 was asked, against an expenditure of \$779.02 last year. This increase was for the purpose of putting the Hudson Bay Railway into such a condition that it would be possible to get the land grant as security for the \$256,000.00 of Provincial bonds, which, as the member for Cypress said, had been illegally handed over to the promoters of the road by the late Government. It was estimated that it would take about \$75,000.00 to do this, and the reason why it had not been done ere this was that they had not been able to secure from the Dominion Government a promise that if the road was brought up to the standard required by the Act the land grant would be handed over. The Government did not propose to spend this money until they were sure that they would get some benefit from the investment. The estimate for Public Works was \$219,310.00, as against \$202,714.16 last year. The increase included \$650.00 for improvements to the Winnipeg Court House, \$1,000.00 for the beautifying of the grounds surrounding the Legislative Buildings, but the bulk of the increase was involved by the erection of the Reformatory, the Deaf and Dumb Institute and the Home for Incurables. Buildings in connection with the Asylum this year would cost \$6,850.00. An estimate was made in 1889 of \$3,000.00 for a Superintendent's residence, but the sum was found too small, and the larger amount was asked for.

As the Province increases in population we will no doubt find it necessary to increase our expenditures in connection with the Lunatic Asylum, Reformatory and similar Institutions, as the other Provinces have had to expend largely increasing amounts for these purposes. I notice that the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario in his last budget speech stated that since Confederation Ontario had spent on Insane and Idiot Asylums, Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutes, and on the Central Prison and Reformatories \$3,423,855.00, and for the maintenance of the same during same time \$8,763,344.00, making a total expenditure of \$12,187,199.00 for the maintenance of the criminal and unfortunate mentally-afflicted population.

Our expenditures in connection with these various institutions will be conducted as economically as careful management can suggest. A comparison of the cost of maintaining the

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