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trative of the style of some of these large increases, let me recall to the attention of the House the enormous creations of new offices and additions to existing salaries that were made by Sir John A. Macdonald's Government in that year—just before they were ejected from office, and while already in the throes of dissolution. I hold in my hand the official return, and I find that under these scandalous circumstances no fewer than 629 new appointments were made in the Departmental offices alone, with salaries attached to them of \$322,943 per annum; and that additions were made in the same manner to the salaries of 4,381 employees in the same Departments, amounting to \$152,350 per annum. The annual burden involved in these 2,010 transactions amounted to the enormous sum of \$475,239 per annum, or the annual interest on more than ten millions of dollars! Here is the official return:—

Department.	Appoint-ments.		Increases.		Total.	
	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
Governor-General's Office.....	—	Nil.	3	350	3	350
Privy Council.....	1	700	6	820	7	1,520
Secretary of State.....	9	4,690	9	1,650	18	6,340
Public Works.....	28	21,546	171	19,074	199	40,620
Justice.....	75	77,800	11	1,760	86	79,560
Interior.....	19	14,070	25	5,010	44	19,080
Customs.....	111	58,076	636	67,185	747	125,262
Militia.....	6	5,600	18	2,677	24	3,277
Inland Revenue.....	84	30,515	96	16,550	180	47,065
Finance.....	17	15,400	24	2,650	41	18,050
Receiver-General.....	2	1,600	7	1,200	9	2,800
Agriculture.....	41	33,025	15	1,178	56	37,203
Marine and Fisheries.....	159	21,900	49	9,025	208	30,925
Post Office.....	77	36,020	311	22,220	388	58,240
Totals.....	629	322,943	1381	152,350	2010	475,293

Every one of these new appointments and increases of salary were the work of the Macdonald Administration—but in order to throw the odium of these acts on their successors, the hon. gentleman audaciously represents them as responsible for all financial transactions after the 1st of July, 1873, instead of the true date, 1st July, 1874. And as with the annual public expenditures, so also as to the public debt—has the hon. gentleman resorted to the same disingenuous contrivance. When the Macdonald Ministry assumed office in 1867, the public liabilities of the Dominion amounted to \$93,046,051, less assets \$17,317,410—or a nett Public Debt of \$75,728,641. The following figures show how the debt increased in their hands:

	Gross Debt.	Assets.	Nett Debt.
July, 1867.....	\$93,046,051	\$17,317,410	\$75,728,641
July, 1868.....	96,896,666	21,139,531	75,757,135
July, 1869.....	112,361,998	36,502,679	75,859,319
July, 1870.....	115,993,706	38,783,964	78,209,742
July, 1871.....	115,492,682	37,786,165	77,706,517
July, 1872.....	122,400,179	40,013,107	82,187,072
July, 1873.....	130,778,098	30,929,636	99,848,462
July, 1874.....	141,163,551	32,838,586	108,324,965