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Hon. Mr. Jones replied that it might be immaterial if the money had to be paid only once, but the present provincial secretary had made application for his salary covering the same period of time. Hon. Mr. Jones next proceeded to discuss

#### THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

for the present fiscal year. He called attention to an additional amount of \$100 per member for 33 members for sessional allowance in addition to the \$600 provided in the estimates of last year. This increase was on account of the prolonged session and frequent trips of members to the city to attend to their duties. Besides this, the House was asked to vote \$1,200 for two members who were not in the House when the session first opened, namely, the member for North Dufferin and the member for Shoal Lake; the House was asked to vote for them \$600 each, less the amounts drawn by their predecessors before they left the Province. The total of the supplementary estimate for legislation was \$4,018. Other items in the total of \$14,900 for supplementary estimates included in the treasury department \$11,000, made up almost entirely of interest on account of the larger amounts that had to be borrowed during the year; also \$2,200 for refund of wholesale liquor license deposits which had been in the hands of the Government for some years. Under the present law it was not necessary to make deposits. For "Unforeseen and unprovided," there was estimated \$1,700.

In the next place Hon. Mr. Jones proposed to state as shortly as possible about what position the Province would be in at the end of June, and what amounts of money would be required on the 1st of July to pay up the several accounts the Province would have to meet in order to be entirely clear of debt: Amount due the Lands' Titles office, \$2,700; Court of Queen's Bench, equity side, trust funds which the late Government took over when they ran short, \$23,500; Court of Queen's Bench, common law side, \$5,000; wholesale license deposits, \$2,250; unclaimed monies, \$311.17; Manitoba & Northwestern railway debenture account, \$932.40; Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway debentures, \$11,937.25. These were monies held in trust by the Government pending the time when the railway aid bonds would become due. There was also included in the statement as a probable liability the claim of Joseph Williams for a balance due on the construction of the Brandon court house and jail, \$2,637.02; half-breed infants' fund, \$101,237.22. It was the intention of the present Government to pay the amount of the fund as it became due and take the lands as an asset. It was not thought possible in the near future to get for the lands any considerable amount of money; a very large portion had already been paid. There was to be added bank overdrafts, \$76,233.52, and estimated expenditure over

estimated revenue for the months of May and June, 1888, \$30,920.35, making a net total of \$263,683.93; besides which there was the interest to 1st July, 1888, on Hudson's Bay Railway bonds, for which the Province has no security, \$19,225.40. To this was to be added a probable outlay of \$35,000 in order to put the road in such shape as would enable the Province to get the security of the lands.

#### THE TOTAL LIABILITY

of the Government, to pay up everything, and replace trust funds, was \$317,900.33.

Hon. Mr. Jones regretted that time had not permitted him to go into the question of the assets of the Province as fully as he would have desired; but he would give what he thought might properly be called assets, which were as follows: Capital account, \$3,511,914.77. Manitoba & Northwestern R. R., interest, \$61,252.11; M. S. W. Col. R. R., do, \$239.57; H. B. R., \$12,818.40; Legislative Buildings and Government House, \$284,456; Lands Titles building, etc., \$18,000; Lombard street property, \$5,000; Main street property, \$13,000; marsh lands reclaimed 112,320 acres, \$2 per acre, \$224,640; swamp lands, 70,820 acres, \$35.410, with additional amount not yet properly handed over 29,180, estimated at 50 cents per acre which is probably too low an estimate, \$50,000; half-breed infants' lands obtained by foreclosure of mortgage, \$20,760; half-breed infants' lands covered with mortgages still current, \$13,540. The total estimates placed on lands at present amounted to \$34,300, which showed a very large loss to the province, which would possibly be lessened by keeping the lands for a considerable time. At present he thought the amount given the outside estimate. The lunatic asylum building grounds, etc., value, \$103,794.35; expended in new wing, \$9,590; total, \$116,384.35; eastern judicial district board, \$7,320; total assets, \$4,130,225.22. Last year the amount was estimated at \$6,000,000. The estimate given was exclusive of school lands and whatever money there might be in the R. R. V. R.

The next point discussed was what the present Government had done with reference to

#### FLOATING THE LOAN

of \$1,500,000, as authorized by the House during the present session. Upon entering the Government as Provincial Treasurer it seemed to him under the peculiar circumstances in which the Government found themselves, that the first duty devolving upon him was, if possible, to make such financial arrangements as would enable the Government at the earliest possible moment to carry out the undertaking of the late Government, to build the R. R. V. R., which was incompleated for want of funds. It appeared to himself and his colleagues and to Manitobans generally, that if the late Government had had at their credit sufficient funds, the difficulties of the construction of the road last