

of the Estimates, and, in almost in every instance, heartily congratulated the Finance Minister upon his statements. The estimated receipts were in every instance, from 1868 to 1874, inclusive, exceeded by the actual revenue. There was ample justification for the expenditure, and he (Mr. Plumb) would venture to say that, from all he had seen of the course of the late Finance Minister and his colleagues, if they had had surplus revenues to deal with, instead of deficits, their financial record would have been very different from that of their predecessors. He (Mr. Plumb) would now justify his defence of the Government of 1867-1873, by referring to the increase of expenditure, item by item, in order that the House might see how far the late Finance Minister and his colleagues, and backers, and the public press that sustained them, were justified in their virulent criticism. Under the heading of ordinary expenditure, the increases, comparing 1867-68 with 1873-74, were as follows:—

	1867-68	1873-74	Increase.
	\$	\$	\$
Civil Government..	594,441	883,655	289,214
Administration of			
Justice....	291,242	459,037	167,795
Police	49,176	56,387	7,211
Penitentiaries....	209,369	395,551	186,192
Legislation	595,810	784,048	188,238
Geological Survey..	97,814	28,600	69,214
Arts, Agriculture,			
and Statistics....	5,850	19,091	13,241
Immigration and			
Quarantine	60,396	318,572	258,176
Marine Hospitals..	21,048	66,462	45,414
Pensions	56,421	56,453	32
Public Works.....	126,269	1,826,001	1,699,732
Ocean and River			
Steam Service....	296,511	407,760	110,189
Light House and			
Coast Service....	174,982	537,057	362,075
Fisheries	30,572	76,247	45,675
Miscellaneous Items	93,451	102,160	8,709

\$3,451,107

These were all the items of accounts opened in 1867-68, under the heading of "Ordinary Expenditure," on which there was an increased outlay up to 1873-74. Upon the item of steamboat inspection there was a decrease of \$115, and upon that of Militia and Defence of \$35,639. These, deducted from \$3,451,107, left the increase \$3,415,468. The following items, also under the heading of "Ordinary Expenditure," represented outlays in accounts not open until after 1867-68:—

Census	\$ 39,470
Superannuation	64,442
Indian Grants	146,068
Lominion Lands	283,163
Dominion Forces, Manitoba	209,169
Mounted Police	199,599
North-West Territory Organization	12,263
Boundary Surveys	81,723
Military Stores	144,906
Customs Refunds	69,330
Total	\$1,250,132

CHARGES ON REVENUE.

	1867-68	1873-74	Increase.
Customs	\$457,503	\$658,299	\$200,796
Excise	78,939	206,035	127,996
Culling Timber..	69,430	82,286	12,856
Post-Office	616,802	1,387,270	770,468
Public Works	626,286	2,389,679	1,763,393
Increase			\$2,675,509

There was a decrease in the item of Minor Revenues from \$16,841 to \$11,371

5,470

Total increase **\$2,870,039**

DEBT AND SUBSIDIES.

Interest on Public Debt....	\$4,501,568	\$5,724,436	\$1,222,868
Sinking Fund..	355,260	513,920	158,564
Subsidies to Provinces	2,753,966	3,752,757	998,791

Increase **2,380,313**

There was a decrease in the item of Charges of Management from \$285,512 to \$238,003, or And in premium, discount and exchange from \$73,676 to \$26,680, or ..

47,519

46,996

94,515

Total increase **\$2,285,798**

These aggregated, summed up as follows: Increase in ordinary expenditure, in accounts open in 1867-68, \$3,414,353. In accounts not opened until after that date, \$1,250,132. In charges on Revenue, \$2,870,039. Interest on Public Debt (less decrease on Charges of Management and premium, discount, and exchange), \$1,128,365. In Sinking Fund, \$158,654. In Subsidies, \$998,791. All these formed a sum total of increases from 1867-68 to 1873-74, when the hon. member for Lambton and his friends took the management of affairs, of \$9,820,322. The supporters of the Government claimed, however, that in the increased expenditure of 1873-44, there were items amounting to nearly one