

the proportion of increase in controllable expenditure has been very much greater. In 1878 the expenditure on account of Administration of Justice, Arts, Agriculture and Statistics, Fisheries, Quarantine, Indians, Legislation, Militia and Defence, Public Works, Superannuation, Excise, North-west Territories Government, Mail subsidies and Steamship subventions, Civil Government, Adulteration of Food, Mounted Police and Miscellaneous amounted to \$5,256,424. The expenditure for the same purposes in 1893 amounted to \$10,384,272, an increase of ninety-seven per cent. during a period when the population increased twenty-one per cent. Some of the items of increase need no comment, as will be seen by reference to the following statement:

Arts, Agriculture and Statistics, 1878, \$92,365; 1893, \$258,635.
 Increase, \$166,270; percentage of increase, 180.
 Fisheries, 1878, \$93,262; 1893, \$482,381.
 Increase, \$389,119; percentage of increase, 417.
 Quarantine, 1878, \$26,340; 1893, \$101,934.
 Increase, \$76,610; percentage of increase, 287.
 Indians, 1878, \$421,503; 1893, \$956,552.
 Increase, \$535,049; percentage of increase, 126.
 Militia and Defence, 1878, \$618,136; 1893, \$1,419,745.
 Increase, \$801,609; percentage of increase, 129.
 Public Works, 1878, \$997,469; 1893 \$1,927,832.
 Increase, \$930,363; percentage of increase, 93.
 Superannuation, 1878, \$106,588; 1893, \$263,710.
 Increase, \$157,122; percentage of increase, 147.
 Excise, 1878, \$215,024; 1893, \$387,673.
 Increase, \$172,649; percentage of increase, 80.
 North-west Territories Government, 1878, \$18,199; 1893, \$276,446.
 Increase, \$258,247; percentage of increase, 1,420.
 Civil Government, 1878, \$823,369; 1893, \$1,367,570.
 Increase, \$544,201; percentage of increase, 66.
 Mounted Police, 1878, \$334,748; 1893, \$615,479.
 Increase, \$280,731; percentage of increase, 83.

The Public Debt.

The net public debt of Canada, when Mr. Mackenzie left office in 1878, was \$140,000,000; in 1895 it had been swollen to the enormous figure of \$253,000,000, an increase of \$113,000,000. The increase during the year 1894 was \$4,502,000, and the increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, \$6,892,000. The net debt per head of the population is about \$50, while in 1878 it was only \$34, an increase of forty-five per cent. The net debt of the United States, Federal and State, in July, 1893, was \$16 a head.

The population of Sweden is the same as Canada, and the net debt of Sweden in 1890 was \$13.73 per head, and Sweden has to support an army and navy, and bear many other burdens from which Canada is exempt.

The following table shows the increase of the public debt from year to year since 1878, as taken from the Public Accounts:

1879.....	\$ 2,623,117	1888.....	\$7,216,582
1880.....	9,461,401	1889.....	2,998,682
1881.....	2,944,191	1890.....	3,170
1882 ..(decrease)....	1,734,129	1891.....	275,818
1883.....	4,805,063	1892.....	3,322,403
1884.....	23,695,135	1893.....	549,605
1885.....	14,245,841	1894.....	4,502,000
1886.....	26,751,414	1895.....	6,892,000
1887.....	4,155,668		

Increase under Conservative administration, over\$113,500,000