

His last "out of Whole Cloth."

With an exposure of one more barefaced allegation, the Senator may be dismissed.

On page 7 of the "Introduction," he says:

"The cost of Government in Canada under the professing Reformers has far exceeded that of any other country in the world having the same population."

This is absolutely and literally false.

The cost of Government properly means, of course—not the distribution of surplus funds at command, or expenditure on capital account—but those expenses which are necessary for actual Governmental purposes—say, in the case of Ontario,

Civil Government,
Legislation, and
Administration of Justice.

"Comparisons are odious."

In 1877, the year Senator Macpherson selects for the purpose of comparison, the expenditure *per capita* on these objects was, in the several Provinces of Canada, as follows:—

For Civil Government.

In Quebec..... 14 cents per head.
In five smaller Provinces..... 11 " " "
In Ontario only..... 7 " " "

OR, IN ONTARIO, JUST ONE HALF THE COST OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN QUEBEC.

For Legislation;

It was in Quebec..... 14 cents per head.
The five smaller Provinces averaged 15 " " "
AND IN ONTARIO IT WAS ONLY 7½ " " "

Administration of Justice.

The cost was, in Quebec,..... 34 cents per head.
AND IN ONTARIO ONLY..... 17 " " "

How do these figures compare with the daring assertion that Canada is more expensively governed than "any other country in the world having the same population."

Further Comparisons.

New South Wales has a population of 618,000, or little over one third that of Ontario in 1871.

Its expenditure in 1876 was £4,749,013 sterling, or, say, \$23,500,000, **EQUAL TO TEN TIMES THE WHOLE EXPENDITURE OF ONTARIO** as voted by the Legislature, and as large as the expenditure of the whole Dominion.

New Zealand has a population of about 300,000, and spends, for all purposes, as against revenue, about £2,700,000 sterling annually, or, say 13,500,000 dollars,—equal to six times the expenditure against revenue in Ontario. The charges for public debt and sinking fund alone in New Zealand amount to 1½ millions of dollars more than Ontario's whole expenditure under the Supply Bill.

Victoria, with a population of 732,000, has an annual expenditure as against revenue of some 21 millions of dollars.

The relative *per capita* costs, therefore, of Ontario's expenditure as compared with the three colonies just named would be as follows:

In New South Wales it is.....36 dollars per head.
In New Zealand it is.....45 dollars per head.
In Victoria it is29 dollars per head.
AND IN ONTARIO IT IS LESS THAN.....1½ DOLLARS PER HEAD.

It is true that the Colonies mentioned, not being members of a Confederation, have charges to bear that, in Canada, fall to the Dominion.

On the other hand, their public works are usually constructed, on capital account, from money raised by loans, and are not, as ours are, charged against revenue.

But we can afford to add to our own Provincial Expenditure our share,—say one half,—of the whole expenditure of the Dominion,—say 12 millions,—and still not be shewn to expend more in proportion to our population than nine dollars per head or, say, one-third the *per capita* cost of governing Victoria, one-fifth that of New Zealand, and one-fourth that of New South Wales.

We can be even more generous—

Suppose we take Ontario's Expenditure, or share of expenditure, for all purposes, Federal, Provincial, and Municipal, as follows:—

Federal,—say.....\$12,000,000
Provincial, including Surplus Distribution,
Railway Aid, &c., &c..... 3,000,000
Municipal Expenditure 6,000,000

Total..... 21,000,090

And we escape with 13 dollars per head, or considerably less than half the whole *per capita* Governmental—exclusive of Municipal—expenditure of Victoria;—less than one-third that of New Zealand, and just one-third that of New South Wales.

Will he Confess or is he Impenitent?

Will Senator Macpherson still brazen out the statement that Ontario is more expensively governed than any country in the world of the same population? If he does not show penitence, and confess his error, he must accept the fate of a person righteously convicted of a very grave offence against truth and public morality.

Removed from the Dock.

Or, perchance, looking at the utter want of self control, the morbid vanity, the complete abandonment to passion and bad temper, and the total moral oblivion of the offender his so-called criticisms display, a very charitable jury might adopt the not unusual course—when a sentiment of pity and a doubt of moral responsibility are coupled with unimpeachable testimony as to the facts,—and mercifully return a verdict of—

"NOT GUILTY ON THE GROUND OF INSANITY."

For a full and complete resumé of the financial position and expenditure of the Province of Ontario compiled exclusively from official sources, electors are referred to the "Electors' Guide" just issued, to which are appended tables of receipts and expenditures as presented to the Legislature and certified by the Auditor.

Other charges, mainly founded on Senator Macpherson's deceptive statements, are effectually disposed of in an "Answer to the Opposition Campaign Sheet, just published.