

It gave the electors of the Province an opportunity of expressing its verdict on prohibition by means of a plebiscite.

The Premier has said :—" If the decision of the Privy Council should be that the Province has jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law as to sale, I will introduce such a bill in the following session if I am then at the head of the Government. If the decision of the Privy Council is that the Province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory liquor law, I will introduce such a prohibitory liquor law as the decision shall warrant."

Its Record as to Finances.

[Out of a total of \$71,500,000, expended since 1872, it has returned to the people the following sums, amounting to about \$60,000,000 or 84 per cent. (with other smaller sums):—

Agriculture	\$ 2,731,310
Education	12,035,310
Maintenance of public institutions	12,271,170
Hospitals and charities	2,008,775
Public buildings and works	8,213,766
Administration of justice	6,671,085
Colonization roads	2,438,412
Aid to colonization and other railways	5,959,084
Municipal loan fund distribution	3,388,777
Of miscellaneous expenditure of \$1,908,000, $\frac{2}{3}$ was returned to the people	1,272,000

\$56,989,680

In addition to this liberal expenditure it has a surplus of \$6,135,480.

Out of the total expenditure under Supply Bill in 11 years, 1872-82, the Opposition opposed only \$204,000 out of \$32,750,000, or about one-half of one per cent. And in the last 11 years, to only \$142,000 out of a total of \$39,000,000, or about one-third of one per cent.

Or, out of a total expenditure under Supply Bill in 22 years, 1872-1893, of \$71,750,000, they made exception to only \$346,000, an average of but 48 cents. to every one hundred dollars, or less than one-half of one per cent.

Its Record as to Aiding Colonization Railways.

The "Railway Fund" was increased in 1872 from \$1,500,000 to \$1,900,000, and a "Railway Subsidy Fund" was created by setting apart the sum of \$100,000 a year for 20 years.

Aid has been granted to hundreds of miles of colonization and other railways in the new districts and elsewhere, 1872-93 amounting to \$5,959,084.

Their liberality in this respect has secured the building or projected building of over 3,000 miles of railway in Ontario.

Its Record in Dealing with the Afflicted.

It has expended over \$14,000,000 since 1872 upon hospitals, charities and asylums.

It has five large asylums for the insane, and an asylum for the idiotic, accommodating in all 4,893 patients, maintained at a lower per capita cost than any asylum in the States or other Province.

It has institutes for the deaf, dumb and blind, and grants aid to 97 charitable institutions. It leads the world in its care of the afflicted classes.

Its Record as to Public Works and Buildings?

It has expended over \$8,000,000 on Public Works and Buildings (including \$1,300,000 for construction of New Parliament Buildings) since 1872.

It has expended nearly \$3,000,000 on the erection and improvement of Asylums for the Insane and Idiotic.

It has expended nearly \$400,000 on the erection and improvement of Institutes for the Blind and Deaf.

It has expended nearly \$800,000 for the erection and improvement of Educational Buildings.