

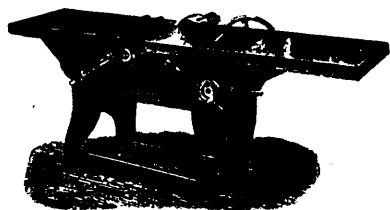
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of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure. The revenue items in detail for the eleven months are appended:—

	1901.	1902.
Customs	\$25,849,690	\$29,037,417
Excise	9,493,226	10,226,745
Postoffice Department	3,006,471	3,369,651
Public Works ..	5,200,002	5,808,750
Miscellaneous ..	3,021,895	2,836,782

Totals \$46,571,284 \$51,279,346
Expenditure \$35,626,248 \$38,005,112

It will be seen that except in miscellaneous, which fell off by \$185,000, there was a gain in every other source of revenue. The increases were: Customs, \$3,187,727; excise, \$733,519; postoffice department, \$363,181, and public works, \$608,749. The capital expenditure, compared with the eleven months of the year preceding, shows an increase of \$1,778,976. The increase for the eleven months consists of \$2,100,000 on public works and railways and canals and an item of \$579,395 for iron and steel bounties. Railway subsidies declined by \$475,690, and the expenditure for the South African contingent dropped from \$866,112 to \$233,268. The latter item really consists of the expenditure for maintaining a regiment at Halifax for garrison purposes.

IVORY.—A remarkable change has come over the ivory markets of late years. The great emporium used to be London, with Liverpool next. Now this has all changed. Belgium takes the lead with its annual sales at Antwerp, where the Congo ivory is disposed of. There is now more ivory sold at Antwerp than at London and Liverpool put together. The reasons are not far to seek. At London and Liverpool, if the prices do not please, the ivory is withdrawn. At Antwerp the sales being Government sales, the ivory is sold outright. Thus the ivory buyers have a clear market before them, and there is no such disappointment as is frequently experienced in London and Liverpool. The largest elephant's tusk ever brought into Sheffield was purchased at the last Antwerp sales by Messrs. Joseph Rodgers & Sons. It was from the Kilimanjaro district of the Congo. It weighs 216 lbs., is 10 ft. in length, and 23½ in. in girth, and cost £325. There is only one larger tusk known, that is at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, and is believed to be from the same elephant. It is not generally known that the late Queen Victoria had a large store of ivory in the form of tusks, ornamental and otherwise, which came to her as gifts from dusky monarchs and Indian rajahs. These have recently been disposed of. All indications of the source of origin are destroyed, so that no firm can tell whose gift it is they have purchased.—The British Trade Journal.

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