

Government, as there is no question about belonging to Quebec. Last year I was pressed to state the amount at which I estimated the Quebec share of the Surplus debt, with a detailed account of the Trust funds belonging to Quebec. In the public interest I declined to give this information as tending to fetter the Government before the Arbitrators, and I feel sure that our position before the Country and the Arbitrators was improved by my not being committed to any precise figures.

If say 2½ or 3 or 4 millions were stated to be what I called Quebec share of Surplus debt, it would have been construed into a confession of judgment for a larger amount than what we might have to pay, or on the other hand a gross error in placing the amount too small. I trust therefore, in the public interest, that hon. members will not unduly press for information which will place whoever has to deal with the settlement of that vexed question—the division between Ontario and Quebec—in a false position.

That the amount of my estimate will be received, I have no kind of doubt, as based upon a fair settlement between the Provinces.

I now come to Receipts from Crown Lands Department, *i. e.*, General Receipts from Woods and Forests, Crown Domain, Seignior of Lauzon, &c., &c..... \$462,089 00
 This Estimate has been prepared by the Crown Lands Department, and judging from past operations and care exercised by the officers in that Department, will, I have no doubt, be fully realized.
 From Law and Registration Stamps, I expect to receive..... \$111,700 00

INLAND REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

Licenses of various kinds..... \$125,000 00

This amount exceeds previous receipts, but the consolidation of the License Acts in force, and a moderate increase in some of the License duties, if sanctioned by the House, as I hope it will be, will increase our revenue—This bill is already before the House.