

Estimates for the New Era.

Lurid Light on Government's Desire to Take Away Civil Servants' Vote.

Radical Reductions in the Salaries of Officials in All Departments.

But New Appointments Make Total Cost of Government Higher Than Ever.

Victoria Court House, Registry Office and Gorge Bridge Are Provided For.

One Hundred Thousand to Continue the Making of a Trail to Atlin Mines.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure laid before the house yesterday throw light on some of the recent actions of the Martin government. They show in the first place why the government were desirous of disfranchising the members of the civil service, in the salaries of most of whom a big cut has been made. But even with those many cuts it is proposed to expend more during the coming fiscal year on salaries than during the present year, the total amount of the salaries being \$330,000 more. In the estimates proposed the votes for public works are very much less than were passed last session, the total vote for works and buildings being \$400,000, as against \$1,000,000 for public works \$208,550, as against \$484,700.

In the supplementary estimates for the current year there is a vote of \$100,000 for a trail from Telegraph creek to Tesla lake, a work commenced by the late government. Several other large votes, including \$12,000 for the improvement of the court house in this city, and \$10,000 for the improvement of the registry office.

It is proposed by the government to float a loan of \$350,000, compared with those for the current year as follows:

Table with columns: ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, 1898-1899, 1899-1900. Rows include Dominion of Canada, Interest, Subsidy, Grant per capita, etc.

Table with columns: ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE, 1898-1899, 1899-1900. Rows include Public debt, Civil service, Admin. Justice (salaries), etc.

The increase in the cost of the debt is caused by the fact that the government propose borrowing \$350,000 at 3 per cent, while it cost the province \$98,000 a year.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT—SALARIES.

Table listing salaries for various government positions: Lieut.-Governor's office, Premier's office, Prov. Secy's office, etc.

As will be noticed, the estimates for salaries are thirty thousand dollars in excess of those for the current year. It does not mean that the officials are to receive higher pay; in fact, some of the old positions have been done away with all together, and other old officials' salaries have been decreased. There has been a slight decrease in the total amount of salaries and other benefits, caused by a reduction in the number of appointments, comparisons will be interesting.

start suffer like the rest, the warden being reduced from \$110 to \$100; the convict guard at \$83.50 is to be done away with, and there is no vote for a medical officer, which was formerly \$22 a month. The salary of the warden of the West-Canadian penitentiary is to be reduced to \$33.33 a month. Kamloops, the home of those who the government took so much trouble to seat, will receive \$100 a month. A gaoler at \$80, a convict guard at \$35, and the medical officer's allowance at \$33.33 are cut out of the gaol staff of that city.

PLANS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT Next Year as Indicated by the Estimates

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LANDS AND WORKS.

The position of surveyor-general has been done away with, and an additional clerk is to be appointed at \$2,000 a year. A comparison of the other salaries follows:

Table listing salaries for various positions: Chief commissioner, Deputy commissioner, Clerk, etc.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Attorney-General will continue to draw \$4,000 a year, and the deputy attorney-general, \$3,000. The clerk will be \$1,000 a month, and the chief clerk and stenographer \$800 a month.

REVENUE SERVICE.

A number of new assessors and collectors are to be appointed throughout the province. The salaries of the assessors are to be \$100 a month, and the collectors \$75 a month.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY.

The provincial librarian, who formerly received \$150 a year, and acted as secretary to the Premier, is to receive \$75. There is no provision for an assistant, and there will be but one messenger.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

Instead of a gold commissioner and assessor, the Premier's office is to have a government agent at a salary of \$900, instead of \$1,140 a year, but his clerk gets \$1,000 a year, and the assessor \$800 a year.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE—SALARIES.

Table listing salaries for judicial positions: Supreme Court, Land registry, Siderial magistrates, etc.

Instead of the \$4,632 for stenographers provided last session, there is only \$3,500 set down this year. The registrar of the Supreme Court in this city, who is now termed the district registrar, is to receive \$1,000 a year, instead of \$1,800. He receives an additional \$500 from the Dominion Government. The home registrar received \$75, is knocked off, as also a typewriter at \$25. The deputy registrar is reduced from \$105 to \$100, and the clerk at \$200 to \$185, and the assessor at \$110 to \$100.

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RECENT GOLD FINDS

Steamer Amur Brings News of Late Discoveries in the North—Unsatisfactory Mail Service.

A Fleet of Eight Steamers for the Northern Lakes Reaches Skagway.

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British Commercial Addressing the Meeting of the Princes of America.

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