

Alleged Deficit, No. 1.

1874.....	\$ 425,144
He includes in that year the following items:	
Aid to Railways.....	\$ 113,813
Municipal Loan Fund Distribution	1,361,101
Investments of the public money at 5 per cent. in Drainage Debentures.....	54,238
Total	1,529,152

Showing, that, exclusive of these charges, there was

—not a deficit, but—a **SURPLUS** in 1874 of 1,104,008

The Aid to Railways was a distinct and express appropriation—not of annual Revenue but—of Surplus.

“There being such a *surplus* on hand, the House would be recreant to its duty if it did not provide means for opening up the country.”—*Speech of Sandfield Macdonald, Feb. 7th, 1871, on Railway Aid Resolutions.*

The Municipal Loan Fund and Surplus Distribution scheme, comprising as it did a distribution of over \$3,000,000 to undebted municipalities, could only apply to an actual surplus. Its character and intent are known to everyone.

To suggest that the advance of money to municipalities on Drainage Debentures, is a charge upon revenue, is to insult both municipal credit and common sense.

Unprincipled or Crazy—Which ?

On the result of his attempt to prove there was a deficit of \$425,000 against the revenue of 1874, the Senator may elect to be declared either very unprincipled or very crazy.

Alleged Deficit, No. 2.

1875—Deficit, according to Senator Macpherson....	\$445,019
In the current expenditure the Senator includes the following items:—	
Aid to Railways	\$417,334
Municipal L. F. and Surplus Distribution	986,243
Drainage advances	137,396
	1,540,973

Showing that, irrespective of the above items, there was—not a deficit but—a **SURPLUS** of

1,095,944

Alleged Deficit, No. 3.

1876—Deficit, according to Senator Macpherson....	551,403
To make this “deficit” the Senator includes the following in the expenditure of the year:—	
Railway Aid	\$372,306
Municipal L. F. and Surplus Distribution	452,151
Drainage Advances	78,253
Common Gaols Alterations paid to Municipalities	67,830
Osgoode Hall, improvements	14,900
	985,440

Exclusive of the foregoing items there would

have been—not a deficit but—a **SURPLUS** of 434,037

The Alternative !!!

It would be difficult, after discovering the method of manufacturing “deficits” in the current expenditures of 1875 and 1876, to avoid presenting Senator Macpherson’s apologists with the alternative of admitting him to be either very unprincipled or very crazy.

Alleged Deficit No. 4.

1877—Deficits according to Senator Macpherson...	\$665,335
To arrive at this result, Senator Macpherson includes in the expenditure of the year the following items:—	
Railway Aid	\$343,613
Municipal Loan Fund and Surplus Distribution	317,711
Drainage Advances	60,669
School of Practical Science (special account)	17,143
Osgoode Hall (special account) ...	9,960
	749,096

Exclusive of the foregoing items, there would

have been—not a deficit but—a **SURPLUS** of 83,761

Was the man who concocted a deficit in 1877 very unprincipled or very crazy ?

Alleged Deficit No. 5.

1878—Deficit according to Senator Macpherson.....	\$617,187
To arrive at this result, the Senator includes the following items:—	
Railway Aid	\$232,529
Municipal Loan Fund and Surplus Distribution	108,171
Drainage Advances	35,087
Purchase of Rockwood Asylum ...	96,500
Refund of Brewers’ License Fees, under judgment of Supreme Court	5,442
School of Practical Science (special account)	16,124
	493,853

Exclusive of items above given, the deficit on

the current year would have been—not

\$617,187, but—only 123,334

Is the man, who, in order to exaggerate a small deficit, included those items in current expenditure, very unprincipled or very crazy ?

The purchase of the Rockwood Asylum was simply the acquisition on favourable terms of a valuable portion of real estate.

The Brewers’ Licenses had originally gone into Revenue, and their refunding, on the extent of the powers of Provincial Governments in the premises being decided, was a charge upon the cash balances in hand, not against the expenditure of the year.

The Senator has a passing fling at the expenditure on Osgoode Hall (p. 36 of Letter, &c.)

It may interest the public to know that the improvements in question are met from what is known as the “Chancery Suitors’