

Appropriation Act No. 3, passed on the 3rd September last. . . . .	\$ 56,503,089 70
Appropriation Act No. 4, being this Bill now presented. . . . .	51,096,767 05
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Total Appropriation Acts.	\$179,968,249 55
Statutory . . . . .	74,691,001 24
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Total estimated expendi- ture for 1917-18 . . . . .	\$254,659,250 79
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Estimated expenditure for 1916-17.	

The total estimated expenditure for the fiscal year 1916-17 (including supplementary Estimates of \$9,127,777.42 passed during the present session, as detailed in Schedule B of the Appropriation Act No. 1, 1917, and including the statutory charges amounted in the aggregate to. . . . .

	\$280,143,323 15
Chargeable to Consolidated Fund:	
Voted . . . . .	136,604,063 99
Statutory . . . . .	56,479,482 60
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Total Consolidated Fund	\$193,083,546 59
Chargeable to Capital—voted	37,059,776 56
Chargeable to War Appropriation—voted . . . . .	50,000,000 00
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Total for 1916-17 . . . . .	\$280,143,323 15

Comparative Summary.  
1917-1918.

Chargeable to Consolidated Fund—voted and statutory, \$201,365,158.56; chargeable to Capital—voted, \$53,294,092.23; total, 1917-18, \$254,659,250.79.

1916-1917.

Chargeable to Consolidated Fund—voted and statutory, \$193,083,546.59; chargeable to Capital—voted, \$37,059,776.56; chargeable to War Appropriation—voted, \$50,000,000; total, 1916-17, \$280,143,323.15.

Instances of Increases and Decreases.

The following services chargeable to Consolidated Fund show a substantial estimated increase of expenditure for 1917-18 over that of 1916-17:

Pensions: voted for 1917-18, \$10,000,000; voted for 1916-17, \$3,000,000; an increase for 1917-18 of \$7,000,000.

Interest on Public Debt: statutory, 1917-18, \$54,234,143.17; 1916-17, \$37,147,496.23; an increase for 1917-18 of \$17,136,646.94.

Land for soldiers.—The Estimates for 1917-18 provide an amount of \$2,500,000, an advance to soldiers settling on land under the Soldiers' Settlement Act. This item is new, and the service appears in this year's Estimates for the first time.

The aggregate increase in the estimated expenditure on Consolidated Fund account from these three sources—Pensions, Interest on Public Debt, and Land for Soldiers—amounts to \$26,636,646.54, and should be considered in any comparison made with the estimated expenditure for the preceding fiscal year.

Increase for 1917-18 in expenditure on Capital account: the estimated expenditure on account of Railways and Canals, capital, is increased over that of last year as follows; for 1917-18, \$44,349,542.23; for 1916-17, \$25,71,976.56; an increase on Capital account for 1917-18 of \$18,677,565.67.

Reductions in Public Works expenditure for 1917-18: The estimated expenditure for the Public Works, income, for 1917-18 amounted to \$11,672,454.79. Similar estimates for a like service (1916-17) amounted to \$19,834,641.99, showing a reduction for this year over that of last year of \$8,162,187.20.

Substantial reductions in Railways and Canals income expenditure for 1917-18: The estimated expenditure for Railways and Canals, income, for 1917-18, is \$8,014,597.33. The estimated expenditure for a like service for the year 1916-17 was \$23,937,947.33, or a decrease for the year 1917-18 of \$15,923,350.

With these explanations, which are fairly comprehensive and also fairly detailed, I move the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Could my honourable friend give us the expenditure on war account? He mentioned \$50,000,000 in 1916-17.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The amount for war appropriation in 1917-18 does not seem to be mentioned.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Does that \$50,000,000 cover all the war expenditure in 1916-17?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not think so; I think it was only the appropriation.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The total amount mentioned for 1917-18 does not include war expenses at all?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No, apparently not.