

requirements of the Province for the year, and that the expenditures will be strictly kept within the figures stated.

From the statement of the Public Accounts for the past year, copies of which have been printed and placed in the hands of every member of the House, an examination of the financial operations of the Province for the past year, as set forth in that statement, will show that the disposition of the grants authorized by this House last Session, have been entirely in accord with the estimates placed before the House on that occasion. The expenditures for the year have been kept strictly within the limits of the estimates in every particular, and we are now able to show from statements of actual transactions, that the financial policy advocated by the leader of this Government while in opposition, can be successfully carried out in practice, to the satisfaction of the House and with great benefit to the Province at large.

When the adoption of this system, for the conduct of Provincial business, was advocated by the Hon. Mr. Greenway, while in opposition, and the adoption of it urged upon the late Government, they treated it as an Utopian idea, quite beyond the range of practical working; claiming that it was an easy matter to estimate, but quite another thing to spend the money.

Now, a comparison of the estimates of last Session with the actual expenditures as shown in the Public Accounts, unquestionably proves that it is not only within the range of possibility, but that it is the only correct business principle upon which public business can be safely and satisfactorily conducted.

The principle embraced in responsible government, that all expenditures should be voted by the people's representatives, and not appropriated by the Government without legislative authority, is so important, that the fact of this Government having been able to administer the affairs of the Province for the past year, not only in the carrying on of Civil Government, but also by applying every dollar of the grants made directly to the people, to the purposes for which they were intended; that, in the Speech from the Throne the House is congratulated on the fact that no special warrants had been issued during the year. The reason for considering this a matter for special

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