

This balance, it will be observed, although more than last year's Estimate, still is less than former balances actually on hand, if all appropriations are paid.

It will be seen, Mr. Speaker, from the statements already made, that our position as a Province, although sound as regards our financial position, requires at the same time the exercise of economy in the expenditure of our funds. Our undeveloped resources require to be examined into, more closely. Our resources, Agricultural and Mineral, may be largely increased, by judicious assistance rendered from the public purse—but it should always be borne in mind, that we must rely mainly on *private enterprise* to initiate the modes to be adopted, and the methods to be applied, towards these important ends. I firmly believe that our *mineral* resources may be largely developed—and a little aid given by the Government towards the instruction of a class of students, to fit them for the practical, every day work of mining operations—In fact, instruction in the principles of Geology, would prove of incalculable advantage to our Province, and largely increase our wealth from our mineral deposits. (Cheers.).

Government can only to a limited extent come in aid of such undertakings as bid fair to foster enterprise and increase our population, and thereby to develop our resources to a larger extent than at present.

It is too often the case that parties look to Government for pecuniary assistance to promote undertakings in which they are not willing to invest *their own funds*, and then to blame the administration for want of enterprise and energy, when in reality the fault lies in themselves, and in the objects they seek to promote. (Applause.)

Were the resources at command of the Government, larger than they are, the administration would only be too glad to assist in aid of many works of public utility, which under present circumstances and with limited resources, they must refrain from touching.

We need a more self-reliant spirit among our people—more faith and confidence in our own resources and means, and less reliance on government assistance and foreign aid.