

those derived from the Books in the Office, and where a difference has appeared the cause of that difference has been thoroughly sifted. It may be readily supposed that, in these circumstances, the Board could not by any possibility be yet in a state to base this report on the continuation of the work of the Commission, as was hoped might have been the case when last Report was presented. The transfer, however, is in a forward state; and, so soon as the three years which have elapsed since the date of the Commission balance can be posted to the new Books, a balance sheet will be prepared and submitted to the Senate. The Board are exceedingly anxious to accomplish this as soon as possible; but they are not less anxious to have the whole accounts as correct as possible; and they deprecate any slighting of the work. It must be also remembered, that the Book-keeper and his assistant have the current business to post in the existing Books: that, in the course of last year, a very voluminous return had to be prepared for Parliament; and that the Senate itself required returns to be made in reference to income and expenditure: all which seriously interfered with the routine business of the Office. It will be seen, too, by what is laid before the Senate by and with this report, that the amount of business done in the Office has been very much increased as compared with former years.

There are herewith presented to the Senate the Annual Accounts of the Cash transactions of 1852. These accounts are five in number—

1st, Of the receipts and payments on account of the Investment Fund:

2nd, Of the receipts and payments on account of the Income Fund:

3rd, A similar account, in reference to the appropriations made under Statutes of Senate for the payment of the allowances made to the Commission of Enquiry, and for the improvement of the Port Hope and Port Stanley properties:

4th, The state of the Deposit Account, the design of which was explained in last Report: and,

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