

## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

DOMINION.—The attention of the House has of late been occupied with the consideration of Hon. George Foster's budget speech, from which we coll the following:—

Canadian revenue from July 1st, 1887, to June 30th, 1888.

Customs .....	\$22,105,926
Excise .....	6,071,486
Miscellaneous .....	7,731,050
Total .....	35,908,463
Expenditure .....	36,718,494
Deficit .....	810,031

Nearly two millions of dollars was taken from the revenue account and placed to the credit of the sinking fund, which is applied to the paying off capital indebtedness, hence the current receipts exceeded the current expenditure by upwards of a million of dollars.

Estimated revenue for the current year July 1st, 1888, to June 30th, 1889.

Customs .....	\$23,533,977
Excise .....	7,038,143
Miscellaneous .....	7,999,380
Total .....	38,601,294

Or to be within the mark say \$38,500,000. The expenditure would amount, he estimated, to about \$36,600,000, leaving a probable surplus of \$1,900,000.

Mr. Foster, in referring to the net debt of Canada, which he stated to be \$234,531,308, said that it was most unfair to compare the federal indebtedness of Canada with that of the United States, as in the latter country the state governments received no federal subsidies, and were obliged to provide for many services which in Canada were provided for by the Dominion Parliament. The Finance Minister believed that after 1892 there would be no increase in the public debt of Canada for the ensuing twenty years.

Mr. Foster claimed that there were ample evidences of the growth of Canada during the past twenty-one years. This he said was proved by the development of our lines of inter-provincial trade, the increase in the tonnage of our coasting vessels, the output of our coal mines, the growth of our industries, and the satisfactory condition of our commerce.

Canada's future must be worked out upon Canadian lines, and neither blandishments from without nor specious pleas from within would induce her to hand over her commercial government to any nation outside of Canada.

The matter of copyright is now before the Commons, and if the bill becomes law, authors will have to arrange to have their works published in Canada within three months of their being published in any other country.

A long discussion took place in the Commons relative to the consolidation of the western railways of Nova Scotia. All our Nova Scotian representatives appear to agree in the advisability of consolidating these roads, and it is satisfactory to find that the Government will in all probability adopt this policy so soon as they have completed the building of the "missing link" between Annapolis and Digby.

PROVINCIAL.—During the past week there has been a storm of private and local bills poured upon the House of Assembly, few of which are of any general interest outside of the locality from which they emanate.

The principal feature of the week was the submitting of the financial returns of the Province, showing the revenue and expenditure for the past year. The following will give our readers a fair idea of how the Province stands from a money point of view:—

REVENUE.		
Agriculture .....	\$	75 00
Crown land department for lands .....	\$14,197 19	
"    "    "    searches .....	54 21	
"    "    "    trespasses .....	6 75	
		14,258 15
Dominion of Canada subsidy .....	432,869 34	
"    "    "    piers, breakwaters, etc. ....	71,512 98	
Fees, Prov. Secretary's office .....	\$ 891 05	
Marriage licenses .....	6,555 82	
		7,446 87
Fees, mines department .....	371 03	
Royal Gazette office .....	2,351 98	
Accrued interest on debentures .....	\$ 969 31	
Interest from Union Bank .....	1,750 68	
		2,719 99
Mines .....	151,308 72	
Miscellaneous—		
G. G. Bulley, collection on account of E. E. Railway .....	\$14 35	
Proceeds of a doubloon found by a laborer in cellar of Province Building .....	10 30	
		24 65
Private Bills .....	1,550 00	
Public Printing Refund .....	3 00	
Premium on Debentures .....	8,129 40	
Revised statutes and Educational manual .....	129 50	
Special roads, gold mining .....	2,247 00	
Windsor and Annapolis Railway, P. O. subsidy and cash .....	14,598 52	
Western Counties Railway, P. O. subsidy .....	3,355 36	
		\$712,951 49
EXPENDITURE.		
Agriculture .....	\$ 21,283 29	
Criminal prosecutions .....	3,354 23	
Crown lands .....	7,000 00	

Cape Breton Counties, Crown land moneys .....	718 00
County of Inverness, Road service, 1878 .....	98 00
Debenture interest .....	49,377 50
Education .....	212,000 00
Glencoe School section .....	2,000 00
Hospital for insane .....	12,000 00
"    "    bonds .....	4,000 00
Halifax Dispensary .....	400 00
Interest .....	3,481 68
Local works .....	35,000 00
Legislative expenses .....	40,620 85
Mines .....	15,000 00
Miscellaneous .....	15,968 02
Public printing .....	10,971 56
Steamboats, packets and ferries .....	36,923 50
Provincial engineer's office .....	10,090 47
Salaries .....	17,658 00
Legislative library .....	1,614 87
Special roads .....	5,400 26
Windsor and Annapolis Railway .....	14,625 00
Western Counties Railway .....	13,413 07
Transient poor .....	1,524 42
Victoria Gen. Hospital, Maintenance .....	18,401 20
"    "    Construction .....	\$21,647 00
Less to capital account .....	20,000 00
	1,647 00
Road service .....	113,829 44
Balance, surplus .....	44,551 13
	\$712,951 49

Premier Fielding, in explanation of the surplus of \$44,551, said that owing to the amount overdrawn against the works and mines department (about \$25,000) the actual surplus of revenue over expenditure was \$18,982.

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