

The estimates for the preceding year, 1871, brought down by Treasurer Wood, asked for no less than \$2,602,560.37, in which was included for Public Works, on Capital Account, the sum of \$750,311.37, of which \$425,843 was expended, leaving \$324,468 unexpended, and in respect of uncompleted works such as the London Asylum, the Blind Institute, Agricultural College and Farm, College of Technology, Central Prison (not even commenced), and one half of the amount voted for drainage works. The estimates introduced by Mr. Mackenzie included for Public Works and Buildings on Capital Account \$528,850 of which \$325,839, represented revotes of the unexpended appropriations of 1871, leaving \$203,011 as the proposed new expenditure for that year.

Mr. Mackenzie, in his financial statement pointed out that the change effected by Confederation was both beneficial to us as a Province and also to Quebec by stimulating her to greater exertions in her own local affairs, instead of depending mainly, as she formerly did, upon Upper Canada. His figures on this point showed that during the period of the Union between Upper and Lower Canada, there was expended from the common revenue of the united provinces :

(1.) For the Administration of Justice in Lower Canada	\$7,714,300
For the administration of Justice in Upper Canada.....	5,102,633
Excess paid for Lower Canada	2,611,666
(2.) For Education in Lower Canada	4,309,397
“ “ Upper Canada	3,962,627
Excess paid for Lower Canada	\$346,770

and that this was carried out in other matters especially in the vote for Colonization Roads, Bridges and Works, connected therewith.

He also showed that the ability of the Province to accumulate a surplus arose mainly from the satisfactory working of our Municipal System which relieved the general revenues of the Province from the demands for local purposes which are made in the other Provinces. His statement of the amounts thus paid by the different Governments for 1870-1, is as follows :

For Education, Ontario, \$379,305.00, or 24 per cent. per capita.	
“ “ Quebec, \$311,210.00 “ 26 “ “	
“ “ Nova Scotia, \$165,000 or 42 “ “	
“ “ New Brunswick, \$136,711 or 47 per cent per capita.	
For Roads and Bridges, Ontario, \$60,000 or 4 per cent. per capita.	
“ “ Quebec, \$150,000 or 12½ per cent. per capita.	
“ “ Nova Scotia \$214,213 or 55 per cent. per capita.	
“ “ New Brunswick, \$159,000 or 55 per cent. per capita.	