

Investments and Special Deposits \$2,627,979
 Cash Balance 173,398
 Special Trust Funds with Dominion 2,734,418
 Ontario's share in Library at Ottawa in
 1867 100,341

Grand total \$5,636,136

Less the following Liabilities:—

Some ships retitled to be
 due to Quebec under the
 award \$ 138,596
 Railway Aid Fund voted
 and embodied in a Sta-
 tute in 1871 1,500,000

Total Liabilities \$ 1,638,596

Net surplus assets \$ 4,004,527

Taking exactly the same items, Mr. Treas-
 urer Wood in his late Budget Speech
 shows the Assets on the 31st Dec. 1873,
 to be \$5,842,743

And the Liabilities \$1,413,738

Leaving, after providing for every
 obligation a surplus of \$4,430,000

And that, too, after distributing under the Municipal Loan
 Fund Adjustment Scheme, \$6,525,375; and \$775,024 in aid to
 Railways over and above the amount appropriated by the Stand-
 ard Municipality Act of 1871.

If then we take the exact surplus at the end of 1871, and the
 same at the end of 1873, we shall find that over Four Millions
 of dollars from earned surplus (in addition to the \$1,500,000
 originally voted for Railways) have been paid to the people by the
 present Government for these two objects, with the effect of re-
 ducing the surplus as it stood on the 31st Dec. 1871, only
 \$452,524.

The whole of the foregoing statements are taken from the
 Public Accounts or other official documents.

As shown by Treasurer E. G. Wood, in his Budget Speech,
 no less a sum than \$17,580,570 has been distributed since
 1871, among the people for public objects, independent of the
 cost of Government and numerous other charges.

See Budget Speech, 1873, page 46.