

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR
1896 AND 1902 RESPECTIVELY, WITH INCREASES.**

	1896.	1902.	Increase.
Interest on debt.....	\$10,502,430	\$10,975,935	\$ 473,505
Administration of Justice.....	758,270	943,230	184,960
Civil Government.....	1,396,628	1,497,369	100,741
Fisheries.....	427,251	548,895	121,644
Geological Survey.....	131,368	224,015	89,647
Immigration.....	120,199	494,842	374,643
Quarantine.....	95,247	264,788	169,491
Indians.....	880,408	1,057,131	176,723
Insurance superintendence.....	10,039	13,500	3,461
Lighthouse and coast service.....	466,058	696,311	230,253
Mail subsidies and steamship subventions.....	534,917	624,956	90,039
Militia and Defence.....	1,111,114	2,060,979	924,265
Miscellaneous.....	172,361	1,146,121	973,757
Mounted Police.....	533,014	948,216	415,202
N.W.T. government.....	330,703	491,924	161,221
Ocean and river service.....	181,452	496,191	314,739
Penitentiaries.....	385,228	438,073	52,845
Police.....	22,703	60,241	37,538
Public Works.....	1,299,796	4,221,294	2,921,498
Railways and Canals.....	126,444	272,296	145,852
Superannuation.....	311,232	338,764	27,532

CHARGEABLE TO COLLECTION.

Customs.....	896,332	1,176,024	279,692
Dominion lands.....	119,908	158,844	38,936
Inspection of staples.....	2,577	13,510	10,933
Post Office.....	3,665,011	4,023,637	358,626
Public Works.....	159,460	498,513	339,053
Railways and Canals.....	3,826,226	6,568,477	2,682,251
Weights and measures, gas, &c.....	97,295	109,072	12,377

CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Dominion lands.....	82,184	370,838	288,654
Intercolonial railway.....	260,396	4,626,841	4,366,445
Public Works.....	114,826	2,096,334	1,981,508
Public buildings, Ottawa.....	Nil.	93,790	93,790
Prince Edward Island railway.....	Nil.	475,998	475,998

I do not pretend for a moment that these increases are all unjustifiable. On the contrary, I regard some of them at least as entirely justifiable; indeed I should be glad to see the increase larger in some cases. I should be glad to see a larger increase for the lighthouse and coast service, for I think that if there is a department of the public service which has been neglected more than another during the past six years it is this one. I should be glad also to see a greater increase in the expenditure for the government of the North-west Territories. Judging by the accounts I heard of the inadequacy of the public revenues

for the purposes of the country during my recent trip to the west, I think that the grant that is made for this service might very well have been supplemented. But I bring this table before the House because I think it is right that the House and the country should know to what extent the various departments of the public service have increased the public expenditure during these growing times.

As to the public debt, my hon. friend the Minister of Finance has dealt with that very fully in his speech. It is quite true that he shows a very good record so far as reduction of debt is concerned, if we