

of August, 1914, but it is impossible to discover exactly how much it contributed to the revenue during the latter part of that fiscal year. However, we may give the Government the benefit of the doubt and suppose that the whole expenditure was derived from the ordinary taxation with the above indicated result.

There is one patent result of this—namely that

The following items of our ordinary consolidated fund expenditure account for a large part of the increase of burden.

	1911	1915	Increase
Interest on Debt.....	\$12,535,850.81	\$15,736,742.94	\$ 3,200,892.13
Civil Government.....	4,463,094.87	6,157,966.62	1,694,871.75
Legislation.....	1,655,418.53	2,376,983.66	721,565.13
Militia.....	6,868,651.29	10,060,617.74	3,191,966.45
Public Works.....	8,621,431.25	19,343,532.35	10,722,101.10
Post Office.....	7,954,222.79	15,961,191.47	8,006,968.68
Customs.....	2,187,174.76	3,775,364.31	1,588,189.55
Dominion Lands.....	1,804,250.49	3,701,179.88	1,896,929.39

\$31,023,484.18

These increases would be fairly accepted if the work of the Country, its administration, development, trade or commerce had been increasing. But unfortunately during these four years the former abounding progress has been checked. Every form of enterprise was at a standstill, except only raiding the Treasury, seeking jobs and providing for political favorites. Most of the increases in the above list are due to unnecessary additions to the civil service or various outlays without which the Country had in better times got along quite well.

Instead of economizing, the administration had recklessly, thoughtlessly perhaps, but none the less most unjustifiably gone into an orgy of expendi-

the Public Debt increased nearly \$50,000,000.

On the 1st of April 1911 the figure was \$340,042,052.02

On the 1st of April 1915 the figure was 388,625,607.20

Or an increase in the 4 years of.....\$ 48,583,555.18

While there is at the latter date, in addition, a War debt of \$60,750,476.01 to be provided for.

ture which has made infinitely more difficult the task now imperative, of meeting our new, extraordinary and very heavy War obligations.

The staffs in the Civil Government Legislation, Post Office, Customs, Dominion Lands have been inordinately increased, while the volume of business has decreased. Interest on debt has increased through additions to the debt with greater charges and higher interest rates. Until the War broke out there was no increase in the effective militia or new services to justify nearly 50% increased expenditure. The Public Works increase was largely on political jobs which, at all times objectionable, in a period of depression and financial stress were absolutely indefensible.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND.	Month of May, 1915.	Total to 31st May, 1915.	Month of May, 1916.	Total to 31st May, 1916.
REVENUE:	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Customs.....	7,012,082 43	13,288,459 83	12,258,722 63	22,605,294 80
Excise.....	1,782,518 62	3,082,348 52	2,088,104 90	3,704,368 47
Post Office.....	1,250,000 00	2,250,000 00	1,300,000 00	2,800,000 00
Public Works, including Railways and Canals....	1,474,920 80	2,291,272 07	2,221,766 43	3,261,008 27
Miscellaneous.....	611,986 90	847,215 76	629,113 53	802,083 04
Total.....	12,131,508 75	21,759,296 18	18,497,707 49	33,172,754 58
EXPENDITURE, ordinary.....	4,430,557 95	5,780,212 35	4,416,094 16	5,276,714 89
EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT, ETC.				
War.....	2,101,488 28	2,099,600 53	9,309,474 26	9,733,843 16
Public Works, including Railways and Canals.....	1,410,812 73	2,327,252 45	2,619,683 13	2,794,163 13
Railway Subsidies.....	43,953 53	43,953 53	185,298 20
Total.....	3,556,254 54	4,470,806 51	11,929,157 39	12,713,304 49

CANADA'S PUBLIC DEBT.

Total Net Debt, September, 1911.....	\$323,938,768.74	Total Net Debt, January, 1916.....	527,488,999.94
" " " September, 1915.....	484,841,633.73	" " " February, 1916.....	537,530,696.21
" " " October, 1915.....	492,528,492.09	" " " March, 1916.....	555,027,542.73
" " " November, 1915.....	501,668,167.71	" " " April, 1916.....	573,213,386.11
" " " December, 1915.....	515,144,019.37	" " " May, 1916.....	577,896,690.85