

It is further to be noted that while the charges on Crown Lands are increased by 88 per cent., the revenue from Crown Lands increased only 11 per cent.

Further explanation of the excessive increase in expenditure is found when we see that within three years the number of officials employed in the Parliament Buildings has increased from 300 in 1904 to 389 in 1907, while the cost of Civil Government has increased 46 per cent. in the same period of three years.

LACK OF CONSTRUCTIVE ABILITY.

The chief sources of the Provincial revenue for 1907 were:

Dominion subsidy	\$1,734,000
Interest	188,721
Lands, Forests and Mines	3,068,494
Provincial Secretary's Department...	257,208
Tax on corporations	672,241
Succession duty	821,692
Licenses	587,126
Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry.	235,000

It is to be noted that among the chief sources of revenue are: Succession duties, brewers' and distillers' licenses, and the tax on corporations. When in opposition, the Conservative party moved to reduce the scale of succession duty and absolutely opposed the passage of the other two bills, so that they are entitled to credit whatever for the revenue from these sources. In fact the present Government have been simply quiescent tax gatherers. The only items in the receipts which are in any sense due to their activities are the following:

Increase in succession duties, say 10 p.e.	\$ 82,000
Royalties on mines	207,945
Acreage tax	5,003
Profit tax on mines	26,922
Gas tax	11,524
Automobile licenses	8,098

or only \$351,492 out of total receipts of \$8,320,419.

The total receipts from the measures actively opposed by the Conservative party were as follows:

	1907.	Total to end of 1907.
Succession duty	\$ 821,692	\$5,213,727
Tax on corporations	672,241	3,368,700
Brewers' and distillers' licenses	75,000	580,877
	\$1,568,933	\$9,163,304