

total is \$266,036.11; which with \$25,000, for miscellaneous, makes a grand total of \$291,036.11.

The result of the whole is \$2,086,400.75. I repeat, that I hope nothing like the whole of this amount will be expended by December of this year. Many items, I trust are in excess, though as to some we may find we have not taken enough. I have tried to take enough for everything; and I feel satisfied that, as to a good many, I shall be able to say next session, we have not incurred as large an expenditure as the House authorised. [Cheers.]

Turning, now, from the estimates, to what I trust will be the revenue, I hope the House will receive with a certain degree of consideration the estimates of revenue I submit. I believe them to be sound. I have taken great pains with them; and so have the officers of my department, and others whose valuable aid I secured in endeavoring to make them as correct and perfect as possible. But the data on which we have made them are by no means the best. They are made in a department as yet without archives; and with the assistance of other departments as yet almost in the same position as ourselves. In the first instance, we had to prepare them from a careful comparison and consideration of the public accounts of Canada, for the two or three years ending June 1866, and of the intrusions known to us for the six months ending December last. During the last few days, we have further been able to refer to the public accounts of Canada, for the year ending June last. Even within the last hour or two before the House met to-day, we discovered a small error in the estimates of outlay and revenue. We had to supply an omission on both sides; and it is possible we may find other errors to correct yet. But as far as I know and can estimate, I think I am safe—presuming always, of course, upon that utmost of zeal and care which I do count on in the matter of its collection by our several departments—in taking credit for what I may call a cash revenue, from all sources, for eighteen months, of the kind and amount I shall state. There is our general subsidy from the Dominion, \$1,333,879-20; special subsidy, \$105,000—total, \$1,438,879 20. I make no reduction from this sum on the score of our debt. I take credit for the block total. The estimates of the revenue from the Crown Lands has been made with very great care. This is the only department where we have some old officials. The total amount for the eighteen months is \$771,243. As to licences, I do not attempt to go into details as to each kind; blocking all in which we are interested together, and taking the safest estimates possible, I come to a total of \$63,387. The House will pardon my coming to odd totals; when one takes averages, one finds numbers occasionally came out odd. Our fourth item includes stamps of all kinds, law fees, the Court House tax, and the Building and Jury Fund. I will not pretend to subdivide these: an exactly correct subdivision would be impossible. But putting them together, after a very careful calculation of two of the most experienced officers I could get, Mr. Prothonotary Honey, of Montreal, and Mr. Futvoye, long connected with the Law Department of Canada, I have estimated the revenue from these sources at \$205,327. Of course, I include with these stamps, fees collected otherwise than by stamps.