

on moneys paid on account of the R.R.V. R. against the road until it is completed and ready for operation. In that, or any other work on which progressive estimates were paid, this was a proper charge against the undertaking until completed and ready for use. The estimate of fees from

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was \$12,000, or the same as that of last year. The amount received for the present year would be \$10,501; for last year ending 30th June, the receipts were \$8,016; the receipts for the previous year were but \$2,200.50. In view of what has been said he would like to point out the rapid increase of the receipts from the lands' titles office. For the first seven months from December, 1885, to 30th June, 1886, the average receipts per month were \$500; from 30th June, 1886, to 30th June, 1887, twelve months, \$800 per month; the last ten months, \$1,016 per month. So it was seen that the increase had been very rapid; and no doubt, if the law were left as at present—(Applause)—the estimate of \$12,000 would be considerably increased. But in view of the fact of some doubt existing in the House as to whether the act should be left as it is or a change made, he thought it advisable to keep the estimate somewhat low.

The estimate for receipts from marriage licenses was \$1,200; the estimate for last year was \$2,500. The intention of the Government was to reduce the marriage license fee one half from \$5 to \$2.50. (Great applause.) They thought the sale of marriage licenses should be encouraged in every way possible. He had no doubt this reduction would show at the end of the year that a considerable number more of marriage licenses had been issued this year than in any previous year. No doubt some of the members of the House would take advantage of these cheap rates. (Burst of applause.) If the Government had not anticipated this increase, they would not have been warranted in making the estimate \$1,200, but would have made it, say \$1,100; he thought, however, they could make up the \$100 without going outside of the House.

From Provincial lands the estimate was \$12,000, which was the same as that of last year, the Government no doubt looking forward to the sale of the Cameron property on Main street for the larger part of that amount. The receipts of last year fell short of the estimate, being only \$52.50.

From sundry sources, largely county court fees, there was estimated \$4,500; from fees for the keeping of lunatics paid for by the Dominion Government as coming from the Northwest Territories and Keewatin, \$10,000. The receipts this year from that source were very large, because there was a considerable amount due at the beginning of the year, making the total, if the amount for the

last quarter of the year should be received before the 1st of June, \$19,094.50. Other items were: Central Judicial Board refund, \$7,210; bills receivable, \$500; M. & N. W. R. R., 3 per cent. on gross earnings, \$5,000. He believed that the last item, though provided for by law, had not been collected, and was now placed in the estimates for the first time.

Mr. Norquay asked if the sum given was for this year; Hon. Mr. Jones answered that it was not, but included \$1,500 previously due.

The percentage on the Man. S. W. Col. R.R. gross earnings amounted to \$6,400; this estimate was also higher than the year would give; because nothing had been paid up to the present time. These estimates were based on information furnished by Messrs. Van Horne and Baker. The receipts from municipalities for the keeping of lunatics was estimated at \$15,000. This money had not been received heretofore, although the law distinctly stated that municipalities sending lunatics to the asylum should pay for keeping them. The net receipts from the R. R. V. R. were estimated at \$35,000. The total was \$616,105.14; the total for last year was \$602,107.54.

With a view of ascertaining the actual cost of civil government, or what it took

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and making some comparison between what the present Government proposed it should cost, and what it had cost in the past, he had spent a good deal of time during the past week in endeavoring to make what he believed to be a proper classification, putting into the cost of civil government such items as were not of direct benefit to the people; and under the second head such as were a direct benefit. As some items did not seem to belong to either, he had put them into a third class, as miscellaneous. If he put the same items under the same heads for the different years from 1885 up to the present, he thought this would be fair. For indemnity to members the estimate was \$20,900. There was to be an increase of three members. While the Government had found it necessary to make this increase in order to give fair representation to all the districts; it was felt at the same time that an increased burden should not be placed on the Province, that the cost should not be more than in the past; it was also felt that in future, if the house were called together not later than the 1st of February, and the business was well under way, the session at that season lasting a month or six weeks, the members would be as well paid with a sessional allowance of \$500 as now with \$600 or \$800 coming along so late in the season. (Applause.)

With reference to salaries under the head of legislation, the estimate was \$4,650; that for the past fiscal year was \$7,500. For printing, advertising, etc., un-