Cotton	goods	ın

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	1869	\$1,107,003
	1870	\$1,100,998
	1871	\$1,361,579
Woollens in		
	1869	\$1,008,382
	1870	\$1,045,287
	1871	\$1,457,476
Iron and Hardware in		
	1869	\$319,725
	1870	\$354,934
	1871	\$466,525
Silks and Satins in		
	1869	\$158,568
	1870	\$192,185
	1871	\$305,995
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I will not weary the House with further details, but under the 19 heads of revenue the collections were—

In	1869	\$6,827,754
In	1870	\$7,758,308
In	1871	\$9,301,915

I may state that considerably more than one half of our customs revenue is derived from 5 sources, viz., spirits, tea, sugar molasses, cotton and woollen manufactures and that those articles gave—

In	1869	\$5,318,114
In	1870	\$6,035,256
In	1871	\$6,933,382

As I said before, I readily admit that I would not have ventured to anticipate such increases as these, or to have come down to this House with an estimate calling upon them to vote money calculated upon such an increase.

With regard to the savings upon expenditure, it will be found that, as usual, the principal saving is under the head of Public Works. There is always great difficulty in estimating, with anything like exactness the amount that can be expended in a year, and I have no doubt that my hon. colleague, the Minister of Public Works (Hon. Mr. Langevin), will endorse the statement made a few weeks ago by the same distinguished statesman to whom I have before referred, on this point.

When accounting for deficiency of expenditure, he said, "it was chiefly due to buildings the expenditure on which is necessarily very uncertain. A number of things prevent us going on with buildings as fast as we expect, all sorts of obstacles must arise."

The charges on revenue were \$165,000 less than the estimate, and the Militia expenditure, \$160,000. I need not go further into the minor items, as they will all be found in detail in the Public Accounts.

I now come to the consideration of the revenue for the current year, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that notwithstanding the reductions of last year, which we may assume at about \$800,000, the revenue will be in excess of the last, even making allowance for British Columbia.

I estimated the Customs revenue at ten millions, which I considered at the time a very full estimate. It will reach \$12,500,000. When I state that, notwithstanding the great increase of 1871 over 1870, the increase in 1872 will be \$220,000 in woollens, \$130,000 in cotton, \$25,000 in wines, \$75,000 in spirits, it may be expected that when British Columbia is added, that we have made a safe calculation.

The Inland Revenue will give \$250,000 above the estimate; the Public Works, \$200,000; Post Office, \$80,000; Stamps, \$40,000; Miscellaneous, \$150,000; or in round numbers, \$3,240,000 above the estimate; giving an aggregate revenue for the current year of \$20,050,000. (*Hear, hear.*)

It is satisfactory to say that not only in the Customs and Excise, but in all branches there has been an increase. In the statement which was submitted to the House of the expenditure up to the latest moment for which the return could be made, the 31st March last, it will be found that there was an expenditure up to that time of \$11,620,695. The estimated expenditure to the close of the year is not likely to exceed \$4,874,838, giving \$16,495,533 for the whole year.

To this must be added the supplementary estimate for the current year which I have laid on the table, which will amount to \$438,999, chargeable against Revenue, and \$250,000 for the Pacific Survey.

I may observe that of the charges against revenue in the statement sent down, the principal items are \$35,000 for Indian