

EXTRACTS FROM A SPEECH BY

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IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, UPON

RIDEAU HALL EXPENDITURE.

Rideau Hall.

The Rideau Hall expenditure for which many items cannot be found has been used to cover up many transactions that will not stand inspection. Rideau Hall has been a happy hunting ground for dudes, dandies and a large retinue of non bread-winners. Not more than one-half of the money charged to contingencies, fuel, light, etc., was ever used for the benefit of Rideau Hall during the 17 years of Confederation. Up to eighty-four-five, the sum of \$236,785.85 was expended for construction and purchase; for repairs, furniture, garden and grounds, \$512,041.96; for rent of Rideau Hall before purchased, \$8,000; for fuel and light, \$95,000; for salary of Governor-General and staff, \$1,125,340; for travelling expenses of Governor-General and staff, \$140,000; for contingencies, \$238,000, making a total of \$2,355,107, or an average of \$140,000 per annum. Fully \$60,000 is wasted or plundered every year in this way. Rideau Hall, furniture and grounds to-day would not bring more than \$75,000. A few items might be interesting to the tax-payers. In 1879, \$38,678.69 was expended for additions, repairs and maintenance of Rideau Hall; \$11,494.95 for furniture; garden and grounds, \$4,076.62; fuel and light, \$7,723.06; contingencies, \$18,744.92; traveling expenses, \$8,949.38; Governor-General and officials, \$59,504.43. In 1880, \$48,525.57 was expended for additions, repairs and maintenance; \$12,799.78 for furniture; \$4,612.41 for garden and grounds; \$9,014.44 for fuel and light; Governor-General and officials, \$61,508.27; for contingencies, \$14,265.80; travelling expenses can't be

found, but not less than \$10,000. In 1881, \$11,076 was expended for additions and repairs; \$508.20 for furniture; \$4,027.99, for garden and grounds; \$9,312.10 for fuel and light; Governor-General and officials, \$61,541.63; for contingencies, \$14,124.60; travelling expenses can't be found, but will be not less than \$10,000. In 1882, \$17,742.39 was expended for additions, repairs and maintenance; \$492.27, for furniture; \$4,244.87, for garden and grounds; \$8,200, for fuel and light; Governor-General and officials, \$61,516.43; for contingencies, \$13,301.08; for travelling expenses, \$11,135.82. In 1883, \$24,104.71 for additions, repairs and maintenance; \$805.25 for furniture; \$6,492 for garden and grounds; \$8,200 for fuel and light; \$59,849.97 for Governor-General and officials; \$18,556.64 for contingencies of Governor-General's office; \$10,849.37 travelling expenses. This is a sample of how the people's taxes are expended, and it might be interesting to have a few of the details of contingencies. In 1881, hardware, \$1,412; carpets, \$280; rent of pianos, \$403.76; jobbers and laborers, \$4,240.76; carpenters, \$760; painting, \$495; seeds and flower pots, \$214; extra clerk, \$1,220. 1882, lumber, \$1,490; hardware, \$2,900; painting and glazing, \$1,938; carpets, \$368; gardening, laborers and jobbers, \$12,059. In 1883, hardware, \$3,200; lumber, \$1,800; painting, \$5,500; rent of pianos, \$384; linen, \$575; gardeners, laborers, jobbers, forester, \$17,200; billiard goods, \$265; tennis balls, \$75; flags, \$58; garden seeds, \$115; total maintenance for 1883, \$31,222.86. 1884, hardware, \$2,689; lumber, \$1,197; rent of pianos and three

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