

Lands \$45,000, Woods and Forests \$430,000. This estimate was prepared under instructions that it should be under rather than over the mark.

The expenditure for 1876 is by the present estimates \$2,135,245. Of course there will be some additions by the supplementary estimates; it is not possible, nor is it always proper, to bring down the entire estimates at this early period of the session. Supplementary appropriations are required in order to meet the demands of legislation enacted during the session. For example, if it shall appear that additional accommodation for the lunatic class must be afforded, as was mentioned in His Honor's speech, there must be an additional estimate for the maintenance of those institutions. There are some other items which will appear in the supplementary estimates, but the amount will not be considerable, and the aggregate expenditure may be anticipated as about equivalent to that for 1875. I do not assume that for 1876 the Government will require larger appropriations than for the previous year.

I may now briefly refer to what the estimates for 1876 present. As a rule, hon. members will find under the different heads that there are no considerable increases. There is a slight increase under the head of Legislation; the increase of \$5,000 is accounted for by the additional number of members of the Legislature. The increase of crime in this community, and its grave character in many cases, has caused a larger expenditure in the administration of Justice than formerly. The estimates under the head of Education are \$529,930. With regard to the next head, which involves Public Institutions, the estimates show a small increase, and in discussing the details hon. members will see the reason for it. On turning to the estimates for Immigration it will be found that they are \$42,000 less than the estimates for last year the amount proposed to be asked being \$79,000, as against \$121,000 last year.

Mr. McDOUGALL—Estimated or expended?

Hon. Mr. CROOKS—These are the estimates for 1876. I say that the Government propose to ask for 1876 \$79,000, whereas the estimate for last year was \$121,000. The items which give rise to this decrease can be explained when we come to the discussion of the different items of this service; but the chief ground is pretty fully stated in the Immigration