

A Comparison as to Civil Government and Legislation.

The following table shows the rate at which the cost of Civil Government and Legislation increased in Ontario, Quebec, and the Dominion, respectively, from 1873 to 1893, inclusive :

Civil Government :	1873.	1893.	Increase.	Percentage.
Ontario	\$175,914	\$ 241,621	\$ 65,707	37
Quebec.....	135,106	251,908	116,802	86
Dominion.....	750,874	1,325,087	574,213	76
Legislation :				
Ontario	119,650	138,924	19,274	16
Quebec.....	163,569	199,769	36,200	22
Dominion	529,343	1,302,875	773,532	146

A Comparison as to Expenditure, Ontario and Quebec.

The following comparison of certain items of annual expenditure in Ontario with the same items in Quebec, in 1893, is very instructive. The first table includes the sums spent in carrying on the public service of the Province, and in the e it will be seen the expenditure of Quebec is higher than that of Ontario, though the population is less. The second table includes appropriations that are intended to lessen the burden of local taxation, and in these Ontario is the more liberal :

TABLE I.

Service :	Quebec.	Ontario.	Excess in Quebec.
Civil Government.....	\$251,908	\$241,621	\$10,287
Legislation.....	199,769	138,924	60,845
Administration of Justice.	466,633	380,652	85,981

TABLE II.

	Quebec.	Ontario.	Excess in Ontario.
Prisons and Asylums.....	\$300,000	\$778,839	\$478,839
Education.....	371,960	662,520	290,560

A Comparison as to Supply Bills.

To make still clearer, if possible, the economy with which the finances of Ontario have been managed during the Mowat Administration, look at the sums voted under the Supply Bills of Ontario, Quebec, and the Dominion in the years 1873, and 1893 respectively :

	1873.	1893.	Increase.	Percentage.
Ontario.....	\$ 2,460,212	\$ 3,571,789	\$1,111,577	45
Quebec.....	1,713,750	4,361,397	2,647,647	154
Dominion.....	19,174,648	44,938,287	25,763,639	134

A Comparison as to interest.

During 1893 Ontario realized the handsome sum of \$379,896.79, as interest on her investments, while her less fortunate sister, the Province of Quebec, paid in interest and charges on her public debt no less a sum than \$1,445,031.34.

A Comparison as to Deficits and Surpluses.

Lastly, Quebec started with a clean sheet in 1877, and she has since piled up a debt of \$25,000,000. Ontario, liberal as her expenditures have been, out of surplus revenues, has accumulated in the same time a surplus of \$6,135,480, a difference of thirty-one millions of dollars !