

\$5,525,859 89, and the excess of expenditures over receipts \$425,144 89, leaving an excess of receipts amounting to \$5,100,715. What have we done with it?

Mr. MACDOUGALL—That is the question.

Mr. CROOKS—I propose to show ; though to satisfy some hon. gentlemen we should have the money itself or the deposit receipts to produce. The hon. member for East Grey started this Session under the impression that the matter as to the surplus was still in doubt. I desire to remove that doubt, and then I expect to find the utmost cordiality between him and me for the rest of the Session. (Hear, hear.) I propose on this and all other occasions, in connection with any duty I may have to discharge, to give hon. members the fullest opportunity of being thoroughly informed in reference to our financial affairs. (Hear, hear.) The statements made during the political campaign, that in my position as Treasurer I had endeavoured to stifle investigation, were entirely untrue. (Cheers.) I state in this House, as I have stated to my friends in South Oxford, that all these allegations were untrue, and had place only in the imagination of my hon. friend the member for East Grey. (Cheers.) The Government has invested, as I have mentioned, \$2,747,805 01, and the amount on special deposits in the banks on 31st December, 1874, was \$1,328,348 69, making a total of \$4,076,153 70. The difference between this sum and \$5,100,715 is explained by adding special payments not included in my previous statement as expenditures, viz. : Railway Fund, 1872, \$372,786 ; Railway Fund, 1873, \$426,642 ; Drainage debentures, \$53,949 22 ; making an aggregate of \$853,377 22. This added to \$4,076,153 70, gives \$4,929,530 92, which deducted from \$5,100,715, leaves a balance of \$171,184 08 to be accounted for. But if the Public Accounts of 1874 are referred to, it will be found that the exact cash balance on current account in the Bank to the credit of the Province on 1st January, 1875, was that sum, and my statement thus proves itself.

Mr. MACDOUGALL—Your statement is taken from the Public Accounts, but it is no proof.

Mr. CROOKS—The Public Accounts do not show the difference in the aggregate of receipts and expenditure in the form I have just given for the whole period. All the figures are, of course, contained in the Public Accounts, but we do not find there the summary I have drawn. The