

In many cases the Government of the day had sought to save the Province the expenditures which these payments involved, even by contesting the Province's liability therefor before the Courts, but unsuccessfully.

I may be permitted to enumerate a few of these payments which swelled the expenditure of that year, viz :	
Amount paid to Messrs Perrault & Mesnard in settlement of petition of right brought by them against the Government under a contract made with them by the the Department of Public Works during the Mercier administration	\$27,565.00
A similar claim of one Dussault	14,578.00
Claim of the Waterous Engine Company	2,178.00
Amount of award under arbitration to P. Vallière for furniture supplied Montreal Court House..	22,000.00
Amount of judgment in favor of Charles Berger, resisted by the Government, and incidental expenses	117,916.00
To heirs of G. Amyot in settlement of the claim for \$11,000.00 for services contracted for by the Mercier administration	4,000.00
Balance of price of property on Grande Allée purchased by the Mercier administration	30,000.00
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Total of obligations contracted prior to 1892..	218,237.00

Add to this :

Extraordinary surveys required for the opening up of Crown Lands	25,655.00
Grant to the Ursuline Convent, Roberval, on the occasion of the lamentable fire which occurred in the winter of 1896-97 and which was concurred in by both sides of the House	2,500.00
Amount paid to the Montreal Exposition Company by the present administration in June, 1897.	28,000.00
For Colonization and Farmers' Clubs	71,148.00
Bonuses to Teachers and Poor Municipalities . . .	27,000.00
To the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, Montreal	8,300.00
And extraordinary expenses in connection with administration of justice	96,000.00
Election expenses	75,379.00