

there is spent in the following provinces the following sums :

Prince Edward Island.....	\$2 82
British Columbia.....	9 88
Manitoba.....	4 58
New Brunswick.....	2 47
Nova Scotia.....	2 04
Quebec.....	2 74
Ontario.....	1 74

So that here was further proof that Ontario had

First-Class Financial Management.

A further contrast was submitted: Quebec paid every year a million and a half dollars as interest on the money she owed. Ontario received every year \$314,000 of interest on moneys invested. Quebec had a gross debt of thirty-five millions. Ontario, after liquidating every dollar of railway certificates and annuities, meeting every outstanding obligation, would have, if the affairs of the province were handed over tomorrow, two and a half million dollars of a surplus. (Applause.) British Columbia had a debt of seven and a half millions; Nova Scotia, nearly four millions; New Brunswick over three millions; Manitoba nearly six millions. Every city and town in the Dominion had a debt, except Ontario and no public servants in any country or any age had expended the money of the people to better advantage than the Government of Ontario. (Applause.) Ontario was in a class by herself in the matter of freedom from debt. If you want, Mr. Stratton said, to get her into the congenial company of the other provinces in this respect, turn our affairs over to Mr. Whitney, and rest assured that in less than five years Ontario won't be lonesome any longer, and will be able to boast of her debt as she now can boast of her surplus. (Applause.) We had a sample of what the Opposition would do. They wanted to give away

our license revenue, from which we received last year \$354,000; they opposed succession duties, from which last year we obtained \$226,676. They have always been

Opposed to Succession Duties.

from which we have derived a million and a half dollars of revenue. They opposed the Revenue Bill, from which the province got last year \$229,774. We received from these three sources alone nearly three and a quarter of a million last year, nearly enough to pay the annual provincial appropriation for Education. Would Mr. Whitney abolish these, as he had opposed them? Is that the way he would "get our finances right?" How is he going to cut off the revenue and reduce the expenditure at the same time? If he reduced the expenditure he would have to touch the people hard, for about nine-tenths of the provincial expenditure represented money returned to the people to save or lessen their local taxation. But those who knew Mr. Whitney knew that he talked very largely for effect.

THE TIMBER QUESTION AND POLICY

The Opposition insistently and, as the facts existed, unreasonably, complained of the management of the Crown domain by the Liberal Government. The province, Mr. Stratton said, had received from Woods and Forests twenty-six or twenty-seven millions of dollars, and the province had expended upon public buildings and the maintenance of unfortunates in our asylums a sum equal to, or rather a little larger, than the revenue from forests. It was a continual cry that the timber resources of the country were not judiciously handled. Before considering that question, it might be pertinent to inquire if the Conservative