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OUR DOMINION EXPENDITURE.

So much mischievous misrepresentation and exaggeration have been indulged in by unscrupulous agitators with respect to the alleged fearful increase in the annual expenditure of the Dominion, that THE MANUFACTURER has felt that it may be interesting to its patrons to submit a careful and candid statement as to the true position of the country. This is the more necessary because so few have access to the records, and very few indeed have the leisure necessary to a thorough investigation of the subject. With this view the following tables and statements have been compiled from the public accounts, from which will be seen not only the

large number of the purposes for which the expenditure is incurred, but the almost constant increase in the requirements for the various services of the Dominion.

DOMINION EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND
EXCLUSIVE OF CHARGES ON PUBLIC DEBT.

	Average 5 years 1869-70 to 1873-74.	Average 5 years 1874-75 to 1878-79.	Average 5 years 1879-80 to 1883-84.
Administration of Justice.....	\$364,712	\$549,982	\$738,812
Arts, Agriculture and Statistics.....	9,719	60,138	198,306
Civil Government.....	712,080	819,599	1,347,597
Fisheries.....	85,318	89,339	407,368
Geological Survey and Observa- tories.....	60,214	98,636	132,255
Immigration.....	155,388	251,413	170,311
Quarantine.....	20,339	33,684	89,020
Indians.....	53,180	336,850	982,928
Insurance Superintendence.....		8,160	8,315
Legislation.....	505,692	632,310	879,358
Lighthouse and Coast Service..	385,499	483,581	188,100
Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions.....	313,307	275,908	362,256
Marine Hospital.....	46,288	59,625	57,109
Militia and Defence.....	1,235,981	787,752	1,397,419
Miscellaneous.....	92,550	80,628	211,034
Mounted Police.....	199,599	347,085	684,549
North-West Territories Govern- ment.....	12,729	16,646	245,619
Ocean and River Service.....	84,743	176,809	189,156
Penitentiaries.....	260,504	313,872	368,003
Pensions.....	54,821	100,005	96,187
Police.....	46,505	20,217	21,562
Public Works.....	926,801	1,395,514	1,899,965
Railways and Canals.....	109,451	692	200,928
Steamboat Inspection.....	9,555	13,166	23,247
Superannuation.....	42,293	100,774	252,513

COLLECTION OF REVENUE.

Adulteration of Food.....	5,316	23,926
Culling Timber.....	70,900	62,267
Customs.....	565,926	711,905
Dominion Lands.....	183,784	133,597
Excise.....	154,079	210,972
Inspection of Staples.....	1,082	2,019
Minor Revenues.....	28,249	22,749
Post Office.....	1,001,768	1,671,673
Public Works.....	97,190	125,025
Railways and Canals.....	1,209,612	2,212,639
Weights, Measures, Gas and Electric Lights.....		92,266
	9,098,794	12,331,699

In addition to the above, there are a few items of expenditure which occurred periodically, but not annually, so that they do not afford any basis for comparison:—Boundary Survey, Census, Dominion Forces, Manitoba Settler's Relief, Manitoba Liquor License Act. From the above totals deduct items marked "a," as not affording a fair comparison, because not in existence for full period of five years....

212,328	470,555	1,053,519
\$,886,466	11,861,144	19,382,361

The percentage of increase in expenditure during the five years 1874-75 to 1878-79 over the five years 1869-70 to 1873-74 was a fraction over 33½.

If a like increase had occurred in each succeeding period of five years the average for five years ending 1883-84 would have been \$15,814,859, for the five years ending 1888-89, \$21,086,479, and for the five years ending 1893-94, \$28,115,305, or about \$8,500,000 more than it actually was.

During the five years of the Mackenzie administration,