

Geological Survey Department.

STAFF, APPROPRIATION, EXPENDITURE AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The strength of the staff at present employed is 56, viz. ; professional, 36 ; ordinary, 20.

No changes have taken place in the permanent staff during the year 1892.

The amount available for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1892, was :—

	Grant.	Expenditure.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Civil list appropriation	48,310 00	
Geological Survey and Museum appropriation	60,000 00	
Artesian boring	3,485 52	
Civil list salaries		48,115 54
Wages of temporary employees		16,739 70
Exploration and survey		24,021 71
Boring operations, Deloraine		5,016 51
Printing and lithography		10,257 24
Purchase of specimens		340 39
Purchase of books and instruments		1,478 71
Purchase of chemicals and laboratory apparatus		240 35
Stationery, mapping materials and Queen's Printer		1,469 23
Incidental and other expenses		1,899 95
		109,579 33
Less—Paid in 1891		5,159 75
		104,419 58
ADD—Advances to explorers for 1892-93		7,107 73
		111,527 31
Unexpended balance, civil list appropriation		194 46
do Geological Survey appropriation		73 75
	111,795 52	111,795 52

The correspondence of the Department shows a total of 10,588 letters sent and 6,830 received.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,
ALFRED R. C. SELWYN,
Deputy-Head and Director.