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Our Financial Position.

The statement of Provincial receipts and expenditures for the year 1904, published in another column shows, as we briefly pointed out last week, that the Government spent \$375,880.13, while they received only \$307,730.50, leaving a deficit on the year's transactions of \$68,149.63.

When the Conservatives went out of power in 1891, the debt against the Province was \$128,429.21, and deducting the debt inherited from the Davies Government, only \$76,688.34 of this was contracted by the Conservatives.

The change of Government took place fourteen years ago, and now let us see how our Liberal friends have kept their promise; let us see how the deficits have disappeared; let us see how revenue and expenditure have elapsed hands during all these years.

After playing false all these years and in most reckless fashion rolling up this huge burden of debt and committing the Province to this enormous interest charge, the Government, through their organ, have the temerity to tell the public that we have practically no debt at all, inasmuch as we have no credit at Ottawa as a sum sufficient to meet the debt and leave a small surplus.

Could anything more fully expose the utter hypocrisy of the Government? There never was anything done by a Government of this Province so severely condemned by their opponents as was the withdrawal by the Conservatives of \$200,000 from Ottawa condemned by the Liberals.

These figures on the face of them show a deficit for the year of \$68,149.63. Twenty-two hundred persons, enough to people a good sized town, were added to the population of Canada last Friday, when the big liners Canada and Virginia departed their passengers at the deep water terminus, Halifax.

What words can be found to describe the excellence of its position when the debt was but 128,000? But it was against this trifling indebtedness that the party now in power held up their hands in holy horror.

Sessional Notes.

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Another Government bill that evoked the severest criticism of the Leader of the Opposition and his followers was the act amending the act "further securing the Independence of the General Assembly."

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Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure. Receipts total \$307,730.50. Expenditure total \$375,880.13. Deficit \$68,149.63.

Representation Case.

The costs in this case are set forth in the Provincial Auditor's report as follows:

Table listing costs for various individuals and organizations, including Barwick, Aylesworth, Wright and Moss, Chrysler & Bethune, Blake & Reddin, Hon. A. Peters and E. B. Williams, etc.

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