

interesting to the House to know what was paid, and I will give the rates paid during the summer. I may say, for the information of those not posted in dairy matters, that the prices I am about to give represent the prices paid for cream necessary to make a pound of butter, collected at the farmer's door; the farmer therefore receives this price without the trouble of manufacturing or marketing. In May and June we paid 14c.; in July, 16c.; in August, September and October, 17c. After paying these figures, as I said before, we had at the close of the year \$404 to distribute amongst the patrons in proportion to the supply furnished.

Then the next item of expenditure is repairs and maintenance of Government and Departmental Buildings, for which we asked a vote of \$56,580. We expended \$63,250, an over-expenditure of \$6,670, and I suppose I need only repeat what has been said on former occasions, that that over-expenditure principally occurs in the maintenance of this Building, and also in regard to the expenditure for Government House. In regard to the latter, honourable members will readily understand that a change of incumbency necessarily causes some additions and alterations to furniture and furnishings, etc., which have to be provided for, and of which we can only form a general idea at the time of preparing the estimates. The over-expenditure in connection with the Parliament Buildings was \$2,479, and in connection with Government House, \$2,362, and as regards the former, I think the large amount necessary for the maintenance of this old building should satisfy even those who have been opposed to the erection of the new buildings, that as a matter of economy we ought to have them as soon as possible. (Hear, hear). Then for Public Buildings we asked a vote of \$313,334, we spent \$234,782, or there is unexpended of that vote \$78,552. The main items unexpended are Hamilton Asylum, in connection with the cottages there, in which there is an unexpended balance of \$35,982; Orillia Asylum, an unexpended balance of \$14,203, and in connection with repairs and alterations to the Education Department, to be proceeded with this year, \$12,446. For all these sums re-votes are asked in the present estimates.

In Public Works there is an unexpended balance of \$20,071, our expenditure being only \$40,990, against \$61,061 estimated for.

For Colonization Roads we asked \$117,550; our expenditure was \$122,974, or an over-expenditure of \$5,424 on that item.