

"The principal items which show a substantial increase in revenue over the estimates are: Timber licenses, \$34,500; timber royalty licenses, \$144,000; timber and logging licenses, \$22,500; game licenses, \$98,000; fines and fees of court, \$15,000; succession duties, \$49,000; tax on Crown granted mineral claims, \$5,000; Chinese restriction tax, \$780,000; boiler inspection fees, \$6,250; fishing and cannery licenses, \$7,000; Fines Act, \$9,000; motor traffic fees, \$48,500; miscellaneous, \$105,400.

"The increases in the main are most satisfactory, and show substantial development. The large unexpected increase in returns from game licenses illustrate what an important asset to the Province our game is when properly conserved. The large returns from timber revenues is due not so much, perhaps, in that particular year, to increase in the lumber industry as to closer collection of revenue through the vigilance of the Forestry Department. The returns from the Fines and Motor Traffic Acts are very gratifying. Succession duties, law stamps, registry fees, probate fees and Chinese restriction tax are sources of revenue which are more or less accidental and vary from year to year. In each case the increase has been substantial.

THE ESTIMATES

"Coming now to the Estimates for the fiscal year 1915-'16: These have been framed, having in view the conditions which exist and which necessitate economies in various directions. We anticipate, as a result of war conditions, a reduction in revenue which amounts, in round numbers, to \$3,000,000. Such a situation means that we must cut our coat according to our cloth.

"Fixed revenues and fixed expenditures remain practically the same as heretofore.

"In regard to revenue, land sales have been reduced from \$1,500,000 in 1914-'15, to \$950,000; land revenue from \$250,000 to \$150,000; timber licenses from \$1,825,000 to \$1,300,000; timber leases from \$80,000 to \$75,000; timber royalties from \$480,000 to \$400,000; timber sales, \$110,000 to \$45,000; water rentals, \$60,000 to \$30,000; water records, \$40,000 to \$20,000; real property tax, \$470,000 to \$400,000; personal property tax, \$230,000 to \$200,000; land taxes, \$850,000 to \$500,000; income tax from \$350,000 to \$300,000; mineral tax, \$150,000 to \$100,000; coal and coke taxes, \$200,000 to \$100,000; game licenses, \$100,000 to \$80,000; marriage licenses, \$30,000 to \$15,000; fishery and cannery licenses, \$31,000 to \$30,000; joint stock company fees, \$100,000 to \$45,000; motor traffic fees, \$90,000 to \$80,000; boiler inspection and examination fees, \$30,000 to