Premier In Budget Speech Notes Great Prosperity of Province. Negotations for Bell.

(From Wednesday's Bulletin.) (From Wednesday's Bulletin.)
Rounds of applause greeted the close able method of securing Hansard reof the premier's budget speech yes- ports. terday afternoon. It was a tribute in which the wall filled galleries seemed anxious to join if it were not for par-

counts for last year was one of live interest. What has been accomplished in the different departments, their receipts and and or accomplished for distribution in their constituences and accomplished in the different departments, their receipts and or accomplished for distribution in their constituences. The detailed story of the public acceipts and expenditures constituted a record to arouse provincial pride. The numerous branches of work effectively controlled by the public works denagt. controlled by the public works departapplause or murmurs of approval. address was to the effect that a representative of the Bell Telephone Co. had recently approached the govern-ment in the matter of a possible sale of their plant to the province of Alberta. Steps had been taken to get

the supplementary estimates for the it must be borne in mind that the tem, \$1,200,000, asked for to provide

Rutherford told the House that they

Parliament buildings, which, when complete, will cost approximately \$1,-

Surplus of \$69,650.

The province of Alberta, entering do in their efforts to show a surplus. All the expenses have been charged

There was another matter of import-Disposal of Measures.

dustrial School for Boys," was allowed to stand over until tomorrow. "An Act respecting Drainage" was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cushing, re-comthe standing committee on municipal law, reported favorably on bills No. 11 and 27, the latter, "An Act to Furth." ther Amend the Edmonton Charter.' Mr Hiebert spoke at some length upon his resolution urging upon the government his desire that arrange-

he opinion that a Hansard was dem re so than for use in pointing out or correcting statements made on the

he premier, speaking very briefly or the subject, said there was one go d precedent for the government to undertake the printing of a Hansard. Nova Scotia published provincial Hansard reports each year and they were satisfactory. There was, howwars satisfactory. There was, however, strong argument everywhere against Hansard that it induced in members a tendency to make long-winded speeches. It was difficult for a winded speeches. It was difficult at the province of Manishes are extending at (Laughter.)

sometimes making mistakes. It was likewise difficult at times for them to my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Alberta Act. It is not my intention on this occasion to deal with all the features of the Province of Mani
"I have stated that our financial to do when its boundaries are extend
the British North America Act of 1907. Hon, members will recollect."

a Hansard report might be desirable for the legislature, and in this connection advised whosever took up the matter to consult J. R. Cowell, clerk matter to consult J. of the House, whose familiarity with the Manx legislature and its workings

Hansard Nur Ideal

Mr. Simmons, of Lethbridge, strong liamentary rules, for the province's splendid showing of credit and prosperity and the abundant evidences of a live and capable administration governing affairs were of a nature to rouse ard reports of speeches distributed western enthusiasm. The premier's western enthusiasm. The premier's speech, which lasted fully two and a half hours, was a masterly presentation of facts and figures and was followed with the closest interest throughout that Hansard was utilized by members who made long speeches on mathematical speeches. bers who made long speeches on matters of local interest to their own con-

ment, the splendid progress made in on attaining to the dignity of a seat in the Federal house as member for Lethbridge, would get long reports in ministration of justice and the many activities of the agriculture departitue Ottawa papers. (Hear, hear, from ment in the farmers' interests were in turn noted and received with gratified as in Hansard. But we provincial An important announcement made to the premier toward the close of his to the dignity of a Federal seat. The measure remains as one for consideration by the members until next

> The Premier's Speech. "It devolves upon me this after

noon," said the premier in his speech valuation of the system, on the budget, "to present the third and further developments might be budget of this Legislature. Although This purchase is foreshadowed in that I have the honor to present, yet his is the third financial statement year, which consist of one Government has only carried on the item, \$1,200,000, asked for to provide for expenditure in connection with construction, operation, maintenance, acquiring telephone lines and exchanges and reimbursements to general revenue account for moneys already expended. In the regular estimates for 1908 a has not been so keenly felt as in some sum of \$14,000 is asked for to supply of the other countries of the world free readers to the school children of and particularly by our neighbors ly-Alberta. These will be first distributed after the spring vacation and it is stringency was much more keenly felt estimated by the premier that the in the United States of America than grant asked for will cover the expense in the Dominion of Canada. As for of these readers for two years. Apro- Alberta had it not been for the over readers the Hon. Mr. speculation in real estate in the various towns and cities of the Province would be the best in Canada in points of utility, attractiveness and mechanism. They will also be had at a reasonable cost a full set costing the government only one dollar and a interest has decreased from seven per roving. In England the bank fraction of a cent. This is less expensive than any of the three series used in Manitoba schools during the past In the estimates for public works ago. So far, however, as the Government of the Province of Alberta is the construction of a \$200,000 court house here, and \$125,000 on the new cial stringency. At no time during

end of the year 1907 amounting t \$69.650.05. (Loud applause.) upon 1908 with a surplus of \$69,650.05; "The hon, members will recollect had not, said the premier, been afthat last year I predicted a surplus of fected by the prevailing depressed \$56,276.63. That prediction has been financial condition of the world. At more than fulfilled. (Applause.) In no time during the past year has its calculating this surplus I would draw account in the bank been overdrawn, the attention of hon, members of the while no charge of expenditure has House to the fact that we have no been made under the heading of capi- charge as under the head of capital al expenditure, as some governments expenditure. Some other governments in order to make a surplus, or to swell their surplus, have a capital account. to the ordinary consolidated funds.

The debate on the budget will be their surplus, have a capital account. We have charged all our expenditure The debate on the budget will be to the ordinary consolidated revenue opened this afternoon by Mr. Robert of the Province I am save it is an son, of High River, who moved the of the Province. I am sure it is enterady's session—the final reading of been able to expend large amounts the past thirty years on account of its for the time being.

liabilities, and have a surplus at the

what is known as the Dominion of "An Act respecting the Alberta In- Canada. On the 1st of July, 1867, our old Provinces of Canada joined together in one confederation as the Dominion of Canada. In bringing about this result we look back with mitted to committee of the whole house. J. R. Boyle, as chairman of pride to some of the men who took part in effecting our confederation The names of Sir John A. Macdonald George Brown and Sir George E. Cartier are dear to every patriotic Canadian, (Loud applause.) The British North America Act of 1867 gave to the Provinces of Canada our con ents should be made for the printing stitution, and prescribed the duties which devolved upon the Federal partailed stenographic records of all that liament as well as upon the Provintakes place in the house. The member cial Legislatures of Canada. The fakes place in the house. The member of the property of the pr self and his colleagues. Newspapers, basis upon which these subsidies he was of the opinion, were apt to could be earned. The fathers of Confederation no doubt looked forward 1 p was supported in his request by to a chain of Provinces extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. They did not see this occur in their day, but to the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier we are indebted for the setting apart of the new Proy- Alberta Act from the start; \$93,750,00 gard to financial assistance. nces of Alberta and Saskatchewan,

Terms Under Alberta Act. "It was recognized that we had

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lands\$ 93,750.00 For public buildings, each year, for five years On a population 400,000 under Alperta Act Government and Legislature \$ 50,000.00 Eighty cents per head In lieu of land On a population of 800,000 under

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Alberta Act \$2,220,375.00 "This is the maximum grant which ve could receive from the Dominion vernment under the provisions of creasing our subsidy will consequently the Alberta Act ,namely \$2,220,375.00. McBride Envies Our Terms. "Some of the governments of our

neighboring provinces have been eagerly watching the matter of the financial terms given to the new Provlumbia at the Provincial Conference held in the city of Ottawa inces are re-arranged on a census takin October, 1906, based some of his en every ten years. This, Mr. Speakchief arguments for an increased sub-sidy to British Columbia on the fin-ancial terms which were granted fo "I may say, M

British Columbia and to the new wan, it is found in effect that when total allowance to which they will be ultimately entitled per annum, the plause.) amount, in round numbers, will be \$2,250,000, while the total of British tion ascertained by census-taking, in our estimation, is another important

Alberta Has Excellent Terms. British Columbia only receives \$235,-

The premier had, he stated, no objection to the members looking well into this matter and finding out the cost between this session and the next. In Nova Scotia the court stenographers did the reporting, each member got one copy of Hansard and other people had to pay for them.

Mr. Puffer was of the opinion that a Hansard report might be desirable

of hon. members of this house to the Province that I intimated during our first session of this legislature that the government of this province had received an invitation from the Féderal government to attend a provincial conternment to attend a provincial co Forty years have passed since the original act was passed by the Imperial Parliament, and in the year orable the Attorney-General of this perial Parliament, and in the year orable the Attorney-General of this province. Contain rescaling the received province or Canada. This government tions of land in every township. A portion of these lands have been sold and we are receiving the revenues from the sales. Last year we received 1907 a new British North America Province. Certain resolutions were between fifty-eight and fifty-nine thou-1907 a new British North America Province. Certain resolutions were partial passed askirf for increased allows and dollars from the sale of school ment.

These resolutions were presented and the passed askirf for increased allows and dollars from the sale of school lands. (Loud applause.) Our revenue. sented to the Federal Parliament at mes will of course keep on increas-Ottawa soon after the Provincial con-ing in future sales. to say the least fairly fair financial ed to the British Parliament asking North America Act of 1907 that we are terms given us by the Alberta Act of that the British North America Act of 1905. We have under the British should be changed so far as the sub-

"Under the Alberta Act, estimating Act came into force on the 1st day of July, 1907. Our increase in subing our total subsidy of \$1,254,125.00. 200,000.00 receive an increase of \$140,000.00, 405,375.00 making a total subsidy of \$1,254,125.00 "On a population of 800,000 our ineaes will be \$170,000.00, making a Revenue-

\$1,030,375.00 total subsidy of \$2,015,375.00. "On a population of 1:000 000 our in. rease will be \$330,000.00, making our total subsidy \$2,550,375:00. "On a population of 1,200,000 our in rease will be \$490,000, or a total subsidy of \$2,710,375.00. "You will recollect, Mr. Speaker

that our maximum grant under the 320,000.00 Alberta Act was reached when we 405,375.00 would have a population of 1,200,000. Under the British North America Act of 1907 at that time we will have an \$1,337,875.00 increase over and above that given by the Alberta Act of \$490,000.00 or nearly half a million dollars. (Loud applause) On a population of 1,500,000 our in-

creased grant will be \$750,000.00 or 405,375.00 \$2,970,375.00 "On a population of two million our crease will be \$1.150,000.00, or a . \$1,845,375.00 total subsidy of \$3,370,375.00. "On a population of 2,500,000, we

will have an increase of \$1,550,000.00, or a total subsidy from the Dominion ture \$ 50,000.00 government then of \$3,770,375.00. (Loud applause.) "We will receive on a population over 2,500,000 the same per capita grant of sixty cents per head.

"You will note, Mr. Speaker, under the British North America Act of 1907 there would be no maximum grant so Expenditureslong as the population keeps on inincrease. Under the Alberta Act we had a maximum grant, but under this Act there is no maximum grant. (Loud applause.)

"We have an advantage too over the older Provinces in that our subinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. sidies are rearranged on a census tak-Prime Minister of the Province en every five years instead of ten The grants to the older Prov quite a material advantage.

"I may say, Mr! Speaker, that if reaches eight hundred thousand, we \$69,650.05. provinces of Alberta and Saskatche- would have quite sufficient to con-

Provision of B.N.A. Act. "Let me draw the attention of hon. Columbia's allowance, when it has members to the section in the British than \$500,000. It is not contended out the time under which our subsidthat the new provinces have received less are re-arranged: 'The population too much, but that British Columbia of a Province shall be ascertained License trust fund has received far too little. Alberta from time to time in the case of the General trust fund. and Saskatchewan contain large, compact, arable areas presenting no physical difficulties or obstacles to de-last quinquennial census or statutory velopment. While it may be said estimate of population made under of the Province. I am sure it is encouraging and gratifying to the hon take the case of British Columbia, of Canada, making provision for the members the amounts we received

Manitoba Likes Our Terms.

"I stated, Mr. Speaker, that the have over British Columbia. They obtain almost immediately in increase ed subsidy the benefit of increased population, while British Columbia, in which the increase of population is also very rapid, has to wait ten years for readjustment. There is, therefore, only one of two conclusions to be drawn from a comparison of the to be drawn from a comparison of the foot for a number of years to extend Hail insurance fees terms in the two cases; either the new the boundaries of Manitoba so as to Loan companies 1,835.50 provinces have been too generously make its area rather larger than it is Trust companies . . . endowed by the Dominion—which is not alleged—or British Columbia has the Legislature of Manitoba the Governor in the administration of its requirements.

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Endow de the Consideration of the Lieut-Governor in the administration of the Lieut-Governor in the administration. tion of its requirements.

"This, Mr. Speaker, is the opinion of the Conservative Premier of the Province of British Columbia with regard to our financial terms under the proposed to extend the boundaries of Miscellaneous "Now, Mr. Speaker, according to terms Manitoba would accept what the Hon, Mr. McBride states would be similar terms given to the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Prov. Secretary's Dept .-000 per annum on account of its na. Alberta, and following that up a tural resources, from which has to memorial was passed to the Domin-be deducted the cost of administration \$100,000 per annum, while our the Province of Manitoba setting forth the completion of Confederation in Province receives \$375,000 under the the demands of that Province in reannually for five years to provide for find, Mr. Speaker, in that memorial and making them part of this great the construction of necessary public that they copied the exact wording buildings, and when we have a population of 1,200,000 we will receive for Provinces of Alberta and Saskatche-

When the history of the present time comes to be written the name of Sir Wilfrid Leurier and his Government will loom large in connection with this great work. (Loud applause.)

"The hon. members of this House will receive for our continuous that apart of our public domain of \$1,125,000.00. (Loud ministerial applause.) I do not say that we are receiving too much, but reading the Hon. Mr. Mcwill receive under the Alberta and Saskatchewan Acts.

"Mr. Speaker and hon, members will also note that the Conservative Prime Minister of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and should be provinced by the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Manitoba does not seek the public domain, the lands and the minerals of the Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan Acts.

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North America Act of 1907 a very sub-sidies to the Provinces of Canada were Government. I think now, Mr. Speak-er, that you will agree with me that population of 250,000 is \$130,000, mak- of the House my statement of the re-"On a population of 400,000 we will ceipts and expenditures for the province of the province o

Game licenses Recapitulation of Receipts and Expenditures for 1907 Balance Dec. 31st, 1906 \$ 556,125.81 Received from the Doegislationminion of Canada 1 053 708 3 Received from the Treasury Department ... Received from the Provincial Secretary Department...... Received from Attorney General's Department... Received from the Public Works Department Received from the Agripended :cultural Department 8,641.38 Lieut. Gov. office. Received from the Dairy

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S2,520,025.34 North America Act of 1907 were set Leaving a surplus on hand on December 31st, 1907, amounting to "We expended during the year 1907

struct the handsome legislative build- on telephones the sum of \$262,262.79. Public bridges these provinces are in receipt of the ings, a cut of which hangs upon the If this expenditure had not been Public roads walls of this chamber. (Loud ap- made out of general revenue we would Surveys of roads have had a surplus of \$331,912.84. (Loud applause,)
"We had in addition to this several amounts standing to our credit in Tools and implements

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Various Sources of Revenue.

members of this assembly, and to the with its public domain in its own purpose, and in the case of any other from various resources from which we There was another matter of importance, brief but weighty, marking yes people of this Province that we have right, the average of its receipts for the time last decennial census received a revenue other than what terady's session—the final reading of the Workmen's Compensation act, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and troduced by the attorney general and the control of the works, and still have a very stroduced by the attorney general and the control of the control of the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will come in force on New Year's day, 1909. This measure, introduced by the attorney general and the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past the past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirty years on account of its natural resources has only been \$235, which will be past thirt supervised by him in every detail of its procedure through the house is one of the strongest legislative measures possible for the security and well beginned for the security and well beginned for the security and well beginned for the security and their families.

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"I have stated under the British Dept. of Public Works-

Telephone fees Other sources ricultural Dept.-Sale of butter 3,499.50 Registration of stallions. 1.139.00 Other sources 7,916.13 \$187,561,37 Education Dept. Examination fees ... Private bill fees..... ernment Printer-Official Gazette, subscripsale of ordinances and 2,919,40 material Expenditure for 1907 "I shall also give a general statement of the expenditure for the year 1907 under the leading heads. Under

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Engineers' examination

Steam boiler inspection

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12,126.75 the head of Civil government we ex-\$ 1 436 00 37,148.08 Executive council 178,919.99 Attorney general's dept. 14,051.36 Prov. secretary's dept. 8.170.57 1,154.00 Treasury department 43.407.94 Education department Agriculture department. * Legislation

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339,087.31 Land titles offices . Maintenance and trans-314,946.23 portation prisoners and Miscellaneous ... Public Works Department. egislative and departmen-

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Public buildings sites 886.33 Miscellaneous Education Department The principal item er expenditure in the educational department is the grant to schools \$159,725.89

Agriculture Department. The chief items being: cultural Societies Ordi-Judges at exhibitions Experiments, Destruction noxious weeds

131,256.20 (Grants were also paid to cattle 10,031.76 horse and swine breeders' associa-11.643.41 tions) Hespitals, Charities and Public 10.112.81 200,00 Expenditure under Hospital Health. Ordinance..\$31,438.50 3,570.00 Expenditure under Public

Miscellaneous 1,351,48 Miscellaneous Vote. .\$94,467.99 47,497,73 Hail insurance losses.....\$33,113.66 Consolidation of Ordinances 7,601.24 \$272,595.60 Government printer's office.. 43,910.66 nembers as to some details of the ork which our various departments 3.361.00 accomplished during the past year. "I would like to draw your attenon, Mr. Speaker, to the work of the epartment of the Attorney-General. am sure it is gratifying to hon, memers of this assembly to learn that the eceints received by the department of e Attorney General more than met he expenditure of that department for ne year. You will note, Mr. Speaker, that the receipts from the department

> \$272,595.60, and the expenditure amounted to \$205,847.16. "You will observe that the greatest ending department of the service is ne department of public works. I believe the money which has be pended during the past year by this of this province as well spent and the ork magnificently done. (Loud ap-

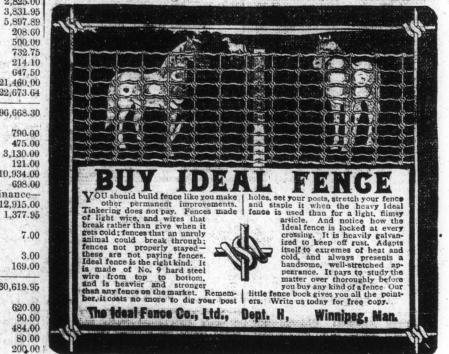
the Attorney General amounted

Owing to the wet weather prevailing during the first part of the sean, the various works were somewhat layed, particularly road construction and improvement. However, in view of the fine and open fall, we were able to complete the greater part of the work undertaken, and a larger

amount of work, as a whole, than the previous year, 1996. 11,082.07 Previous year, 1996. 296 bridges, were dealt with during the year and 258 of these were new structures, constructed in accordance with standard designs. Among the bridges worthy of special mention are a bridge over Willow Creek, north of Macleod, consisting of 125 steel nigh-200.00 way span on timber substructures and 25,724.80 timber approaches; bridge over Old 800.00 Man River, north of Pincher, 2,340.72 sisting of two 160 feet highway spans 1,966.62 on concrete substructures; bridge over \$32,532.14 south fork of Sheep Creek, consisting of one 125 feet and one 80 feet high-615.61 bridge over the middle fork of Old 5.48.40 Man River at Lundbrek, consisting of 3.057.85 one 80 feet span on concrete sub-13.776.87 structures; bridge over Mosquito 44,223.42 Creek, consisting of one 60 feet span on pile and timber substructures; bridge over Little Bow east of Nanton 48,063.14 consisting of one 60 feet span on pile and timber substructures; 10.141.05 bridge 21,195.93 Innisfail, consisting of one 125 feet steel span on pile and timber \$205,847.16 structures; bridge over Fallen Timber Creek west of Carstairs, consisting of one 80 feet span on concrete 46,593.12 masonry substructures; one

highway span on Blindman River. 27,888.18 West of Dackstatus, or plug over the ber substructures; bridge over the Dog Pound, west of Carstairs, consist-19,693.66 ing of a 50 feet steel span on piling 308,848.70 and timber substructures; bridge over 238,962.54 Horseguard Creek, west of Carstairs, consisting of a 50 feet steel span on 58,006.78 piling and timber; and bridge over the Sturgeon River at St. Albert, consist-242,673.82 ing of a 60 feet steel span on pile and 21,581.53 timber substructures. In addition to 11,045.50 this, work was begun and well ad-262,262.79 vanced on a steel bridge over the Bow 33,880.84 River, east of Calgary at the end of the year and the work will be com \$1,271,437.46 pleted early in 1908. The bridge over the South Saskatchewan River at Medicine Hat, which was delayed very considerably by high water during the early part of the season was also drawing towards completion at the end of the year and will be finish \$314,946.23 ed early in 1908. Including the two latter bridges, brings our total steel structures in the province up to 68. There are several other important .\$ 14,550.45 structures under way, such as a bridge 1,593,35 over the Bow River southwest 10,451.33 Gleichen, bridge over the Red Deer 3.383.04 River west of Penhold, bridge over 16,358.72 the Little Bow north of Lethbridge, 23,366.50 and several other smaller steel struc-11,374.15 tures now on the way or under con-





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struction at the end of the year. total expenditure on bridges d the year amounted to \$308,848.70 Road Work Large. "As intimated above was somewhat delayed at the but during the latter part of mer and fall we were able to plish a very satisfactory progra work. Owing to the influx of po tion into the outlying districts been found absolutely necessar tend main roads. This applie particularly to north, northwe west of Edmonton. Seventy-fly of new-road were opened in of the Athabasca River, up has been of considerable advan settlers and freighters. Extens provements were carried on up the Pembina and Paddle River try, on the Lac St. Anne trail ar mun. In addition to the above and colonization roads were ext in all directions, and I might s all parts of the province. in co tion with these improvements we endegvored as far as possible here to a uniform system of road vantage in the employment petent inspectors and road for the purpose of avoiding was money, which occurs so often b wise locations and impractica

thods of conducting work. The penditure on roads during the "There were six survey parties the field during the season, loca new roads and road diversions making final surveys of the san order that the necessary right of wight be acquired. In this work find that the greatest economy securing the best locations in the most capable men is a necessity much larger than in 1906, and work to be done of this nature is, course, bound to increase with incred settlement; also owing to the creased price of land the amount I out as compensation is becom greater every year. The total exp diture on surveys during the year cluding the amount paid for right way, amounted to \$58,006.78. "A total of 5331/2 miles of firegu were plowed or replowed during season at a cost of \$4,588.00. Ow to the extension of the irrigation tem, principally east of Calgary, the rapid filling up of the count several guards plowed heretofore w abandoned last season, roads, set ment and irrigation ditches hav

Sixteen Ferries Operated. "During the season sixteen fer built and installed; one over the No over the North Saskatchewan at St. Paul, one over the North atchewan River west of Ellerslie. over the Pembina River near Pembina Post Office, and the ferry scow at Victoria was replaced by a new scow the old one moved up the river to a point i of Lamont, where it will be in ope ion next season. On the compl at Content, the ferry in operation that point during the last few y was floated down stream and inst on the Red Deer River at a point e of Olds. The total expenditure connection with ferries, construc

and operation, during the y amounted to \$10,930.03. "It was found necessary in conne tion with the administration of Steam Boilers' Act to engage and inspector, who was given a distr with headquarters at Red Deer. I total number of boilers inspected v 702 and the number of certificates all classes issued was 829. Reven from inspection and certificate fe amounted to \$5,825.00. It is grating ing to note in connection branch of the service that no accid owing to boiler explosions occu during the year, and further, that to

appears to be a great tendency on the part of holders of provisional certicates to qualify for finals.

"The administration of the Co-Mines Act has been carried on by the provincial inspector of mines trict inspector at Lethbridge, who Hat. Taber and Crow's Nest coal fie. ceived to date amounts to 1.830.8 ceived the output will probably re Thirty-five new mi were opened during the year, mak a total of 97 mines known to be operation in the province. The output of coal in tons for the Northwest Territories, Alberta 4 Saskatchewan in 1901 was 346,64

1902, 510,674; 1903, 622,939; 1904, 782 "The output in Alberta in 1905 w 811.228: in 1906, 1,385,000. with the administration of the mines branch amounted to \$5,541.5 The report of the commission appoin ed to enquire into the coal mining dustry in the province and to inves gate and report upon the condition prevailing in the coal mines in province and the reason of the ing the winter of 1906-07 has been l has been obtained through this co

sures have been passed as a result Result of Telephone Policy. "The construction of lines, which was commenced by government in September, 1906, been vigorously continued do 1907, a total of 544 miles ha acquired, making in all 599 mile line in operation at the end of year. The line from Calgary to Ba was completed and put in operati on the 1st of July, 1907. Since the

mission, and during the present

sion several important legislative n