

correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any person, and of all reports with regard to the employment of provincial special constables on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway during the trackmen's strike in the months of June and July, 1901.

He called the attention of the House to the anomalous position of the government in connection with that strike. He thought that the government was possibly unaware of the circumstances, and recalled the men when it learned the true position. Special constables were placed practically to do the work of striking trackmen. The resources of the province were thus enlisted on behalf of the C. P. R. against the trackmen. The latter were striking for higher wages and for recognition of them as a union. The House was entitled to know why the injustice was worked by the province. The instructions to the constables were practically to do the work of the trackmen. There was no indication of any attempt by the trackmen to break the peace. The constables were not to keep the peace, but to give the road bed and to report on its condition. He read a report of one of these constables, which had been picked up on the line, and which proved his contention. His object in moving for the correspondence was to find out who was responsible for the instructions to these constables.

The Attorney-General replied that the government had no idea the men were to do track work, and instantly recalled the men when they were informed that they were doing so.

Mr. Gilmour corroborated Mr. Murphy's statement and said he hoped that the government were not responsible for it.

The leader of the opposition paid a compliment to the orderly character of the trackmen of the C. P. R. At the time he was Minister of Mines and when it came to his knowledge he brought it to the Attorney-General's attention, that gentleman had taken instant steps to recall the men.

Mr. Curtis said the men thought that the feeling along the railway was that the government was strongly biased in interfering on behalf of the C. P. R. against the men. If the government did so he would not be surprised, for there was every indication that the government worked with the C. P. R. and that the ball was knocked back and forward between them. The charge had been frequently made.

The Attorney-General—By whom? By you?

Mr. Curtis—Yes, by me.

The Attorney-General—Well, the House knows that a charge made by you amounts to nothing.

Mr. Curtis—Oh, oh!

Mr. Curtis—Well, if so, why do you say if you will permit me to make a charge on Monday. (Hear, hear.)

He moved that an additional statement be given to the House by the Attorney-General on the subject of special constables.

The amendment and the resolution both passed and the House adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Martin suggested a small committee to revise the rules of the House. The rules of the House as they stand made applicable to the House when no local rule existed was altogether unwelcome.

The Attorney-General said the government intended to do this last session but had been prevented owing to pressure of business. They hoped to do so this session.

Mr. Curtis suggested that the rules of the Commons, should be applied when the local rules did not apply.

The House then rose.

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## A BIG DEFICIT SHOWN BY RETURN

OVER HALF A MILLION AT END OF YEAR

Financial Return Brought Down by Minister of Finance—An Opposition Dinner.

A return brought down by Hon. J. D. Prentice, in response to a motion made by Capt. Talbot, shows that on December 31, 1901, there was a deficit of nearly \$800,000. That deficit has since been increased so that it now nearly reaches the million dollar mark. To the table given below Mr. Prentice does not append a note to the effect that the per capita grant as shown at \$39,269.20 is on a basis of 98,173 population. The census returns for 1901 show an increase in population of 7,000, which would give a per capita grant for the half-year ending 31st December, 1901, of \$70,908.80, but as the difference was not paid into the treasury until February 1st, 1902, the deficit does not appear as a portion of revenue receipts at the date of this return.

The abstract of the revenue and expenditure of the province for the six months ending December 31st is given below:

	Revenue.
Dominion of Canada—	
Half-yearly payment of interest	\$ 14,575 53
Half-yearly payment of grant	17,500 00
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Half-yearly payment for lands conveyed	50,000 00
Land sales	42,225 00
Land revenue	23,406 00
Survey fees	583 05
Rents, exclusive of land	104 25
Timber royalties	24,615 10
Timber royalties and licenses	58,070 30
Free miners' certificates	11,357 24
Mining receipts, general	81,513 72
Mineral tax	34,306 70
Fines and fees	8,729 80
Probate fees	4,342 16
Succession duty	48,736 83
New stamps	5,853 65
Postage	34,306 70
Sale of government property	597 75
Marriage licenses	3,120 00
Revenue tax	58,495 00
Real property tax	11,551 07
Personal property tax	8,357 08
Wild land tax	4,320 04
Income tax	9,453 44
For further consideration	48,219 50
Royalty and tax on coal	34,408 76
Revenue service refunds	2 00
Fringing offices	6,406 27
Receives (all denominations)	28 20
Bureau of mines	438 25
Hospital for the insane	6,523 27
Meeting of the law society	1,850 14
Reimbursements in aid	1,342 10
Chinese Restriction (Act 1884)	40,512 50
Douglas St. (Act 1884)	4,902 83
Miscellaneous receipts	\$741,245 19
Public Debt—	
Sinking fund	\$ 140,960 18
Dividend	41,000 04
Premium and exchange	1,153 74
Civil government (salaries)	113,190 76
Administration (salaries)	51,029 08
Legislation	571 90
Public Institutions—	
Printing and stationery	29,095 35
Bureau of mines	2,380 03
Hospital for the insane	22,018 21
Museum	1,882 27
Legal profession (salaries)	5,331 70
Hospitals and charities	38,72