

why the Public Debt was increased of 1898 says:during the years that Sir Robert Bond was in control of the affairs of the "84.-It is further agreed that

in the event of the Government deciding to make additions or ex-Colony, and to answer A GROSS CALUMNY ON SIR ROB-ERT BOND

ates under the head of expenditure

tensions to the present system the Contractor shall construct, maintain and operate the new or and his colleagues, including Sir Ed-ward Morris. I do not intend to go over all that ground again. I went over it the other day and it will be found in my published speech. These additional lines and offices, the Government paying the cost of construction and the annual loss or deficit, if any, upon cost, maintenance and operation." assertions have been made frequently —in fact every year—since the very beginning of the present administra-tion. In the Minister of Finance's Budget Speech for 1909 he enumer-

fect and try to make up a case against the position which Mr. Chamberlain took in that despatch, he said that perhaps Mr. Chamberlain never read it; that it may have been made up by some clerk in the Colonial Office, who tenance and operation. There, sir, is an agreement by the Colony that if they want to build new lines or extend the telegraph system lines or extend the telegraph system lines or extend the telegraph system and they have back again. Well, they must go to the Contractor, get him to construct them and he is to

MINISTRATIVE WORK.

ates under the head of expenditure that most of the Public Debt was un-der the 1901 contract, whereas it was due to the 1898 contract. He charged that the Public Debt had been in-creased during the administration of Sir Robert Bond, and he asked what was there to show for it. Is it noth-ing to have relieved the Colony of the incubus created in 1898? Well, the railway was taken back, and, as not have made a statement of that kind reflecting upon the acts of a Colonial Administration without giv-ing the matter careful consideration he was certainly not going to sign a letter that a clerk might put before him without knowing its contents That is not the way they do business over there. Before I quoted from that despatch of Mr. Chamberlain's I stat-ed my own opinion on the matters that I have referred to, and I quoted that paragraph from that despatch in order to confirm the opinion that I held. The Prime Minister asked me would I confirm everything Mr. Cham-berlain said. No, I would not confirm everything Mr. Chamberlain said, 1 would not commit myself to any sucl the railway was taken back, and, as I said the other day, the wisdom of doing so will be apparent in 1951 when that railway reverts to the Col-ony on the expiration of the present operating contract, and it will be one

THAT IS THE WAY THE PRIME MINISTER PERFORMS HIS AD

me to the 1898 contract was the ol

case of the herring drawn across the

track. The Prime Minister referred to the extract from Mr. Chamberlain's

espatch which I read here the other

evening, and in order to lessen its ef-

think we are safe in assuming that man like Mr. Chamberlain would ot have made a statement of that

MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUM-BER ERECTED BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. The Prime Minister next points to the The Frine annister hext points to the increase in Civil Government, Justice Department and others; but I would like the Prime Minister to point out how these moneys have been spent and why the expenditure has been in-creased. In the moneys spent on Civil Government we had picking and theosing in increasing splacing splace

Prime Minister said that seventee

lighthouses had been erected by the

present Government and some smalles

lights. During the administration of Sir Robert Bond, even with the small-er revenues, there were thirty-six

lighthouses erected and several small-

hoosing in increasing salaries of Civil servants, on political and other unfair grounds. In the Justice De-partment, I cannot see the cause of the increase, except it is for fees and other such expenditures such as jol to political favorites and others, bepartment—the salaries of the Consta-bulary and Fire Department are the same as they were when the adminis-tration took office. If this is the way

the increased revenue has been squandered, it is not difficult to un-derstand the absence of any useful re-sult from its expenditure during the ast four years.

er lights.

The surpluses were large but there were some items in these surpluses were some items in these surpluses which they cannot always count upon and which in my opinion are improp-erly included in them. As I pointed out the other day, profit on the sale of coin is not a revenue, it is a liability, and out of that \$400,000 surplus of the first year there is \$135,000 profit on the sale of coin. That is not a reven-ue, it is a liability for which a gold reserve should be kent in the Treaseverything Mr. Chamberlain said, 1 would not commit myself to any such ridiculous proposition any more thar all the gentlemen opposite will com-firm everything the Prime Minister says. He read extracts from the Me-morial which was sent home from the people of this Colony through the Governor to the Colonial Office. He said that it was based upon false statements. It is not to be assume: that the Colonial Office is as easily eserve should be kept in the Treas-

SIR EDWARD MORRIS; The same hat the Colonial Office is as easil thing was done under Sir Robert Bond's administration. They importcooled or deceived as the Premier de-sires us to believe. These authorities had the contract before them and they had experienced counsel assisting them. Now, sir, I take one of the al-eged false statements to which the Prime Minister referred, and if the parties who were responsible for that tocument held the opinion that the ontract, for instance, created a mon-poly in the coastal trade of the Col-ony, might not it have been an hon-st opinion expressed in good faith, nd have not after facts shown that hey were not the only persons who eld that opinion. Why, the Prime Inister himself, while he was Attor-ey General in Sir Robert Bond's Ad-almistration, had to advise against a laim put forward by the Contractors hat they had a monopoly of the coastled or deceived as the Premier de Bond's administration. They import-ed more coin than we have done and it was sold and Pat into the revenue. MR. KENT: That is no answer. Whoever d'ai it, it was wrong. I am pointing out that profit on coin is not a revenue. Again, take the surpluses of the last two years. In them, was included the interest on unexpended balance of the railway loan that has been to the credit of the Colony in the Banks and you calculate on that as one of the factors in making up your surplus. It should have here load ne of the factors in making up you irplus. It should have been credit. to the loan itself ed to the loan itself. SIR EDWARD MORRIS: That ot correct. MR. KENT: Excuse me,

Auditor General's Report included he general items of revenue. T Minister of Justice says that it is r had a monopoly of the coast

cluded in the surplus. (Continued on 6th page.) WARD MORRIS- I advised had not; but if they took

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