

they disburse was once good; good, when you had to persuade people, to coax them into forming these societies; but it is time a rule a little less disbursive of the public money should be adopted. The House will be quite right in applying a rule more suited to our present social position, more limitative of the grant. The societies under such rule would have as much money as before; but they would get more from the people and less from the Province. From these considerations, we ask less money now than was given before. We have put down but a trifle for emigration, \$4,000. The truth is, we are not ready to do anything to signify, in this direction. Nothing extensive or expensive can be gone into in this direction, till we have made a good deal of preparation here to draw emigration to us. A greater mistake cannot be made, than to send agents abroad to cry up the country, and ask all sorts of folks to come to it, before we are ready to receive them. We do not think a large expenditure is judicious; and without saying we may not be prepared to go a great deal further next year, we are not now prepared to ask more than a moderate amount to make a move that may not be premature. The item for colonization roads for this season, is \$62,500. I wish it could have been made a great deal larger. It is larger, however, by \$12,500, than the grant of late usual for colonization roads. I hope next year the state of our finances will permit of our doing more. But we are hardly in a position to spend more than that money with due economy and due efficiency, this year; because our machinery for expenditure is not in as perfect order as we hope to have it next year. The total for all these services, independently of what I have mentioned already, is \$146,558.60.

The next head is for public works other than colonization roads. This outlay is more particularly under the control of the Public Works Department; as indeed, the colonization roads are also. The first item under this head, then, is \$15,576, covering costs of the removal of certain departments and officers to this city. I think that a considerable part of the cost of these removals will be borne by the Dominion Government; but in the meantime, the expenses have been incurred, for which we ask a vote of the House. Indeed there are a good many matters as to which I have been asking votes—I cannot draw the attention of the House to all of them—in regard to which we are prepared to take the ground that such outlays are not ours, but properly fall to the Dominion. There is next a charge of \$85,315, for rents, insurance, repairs and a variety of other details of this kind. These two amounts are larger for these 18 months—at least, I hope so—than they are likely to be hereafter. For the Reformatory Prison at St. Vincent de Paul there is an item of \$42,570. The Quebec jail gets \$5,000, and the Sherbrooke jail, \$4,000. Both items must be provided; but they will be borne on the Building and Jury Fund. An item of \$2,550 is asked for inspections and surveys. Constant surveys are of course required as to all public buildings. The total under this head of public works, other than colonization roads, is thus \$115,011.

Next, as to charities, we have taken the usual figures. Beauport Asylum receives, as before, \$138,000. It could not be otherwise. The expenditure may not be so large; but this is the sum beyond which we cannot go, and very much within which we could not be sure of being able to keep. For the St. John's Lunatic Asylum we ask \$27,600; the Marine and