

mentioned in December last. But, Sir, it is necessary to explain to the House that there is really no perceptible change, and for this reason, that in the larger total I have mentioned are several sums which do not properly belong to the services of the year, or of the Dominion, being arrears of the late Province of Canada; and there is also a sum which it is proposed to strike out when going through Committee (included in the detailed estimates), because it will not have to be expended before July next. These two sums are: for arrears of the late Province of Canada.. \$314,357 and the over estimate proposed to be struck out is..... 205,100

making together.....	\$1,019,457
which, if deducted from the gross amount of the detailed estimates	17,336,019

leaves as the estimated expenditure for the services proper to the year 1867-8, of.....\$16,316,562 which differs by less than a hundred thousand dollars from the rough estimate made in December last. (Hear.) I make the explanation with reference to the over estimate, because, in consequence of the provisions in the new Audit Act, that the sums voted for one year shall not be allowed to lay over until a following year, but must be voted afresh, if not used within the twelve months, there would in fact be a double vote for the same service if they were not omitted now.

Having thus compared the estimates of December with these now submitted to the House, it may be stated that the real result of the year's operations is—

Total estimated expenditure.....	\$16,316,562
Deduct for expenditure on capital account and redemption.....	\$1,863,498
and there must be further deducted such items as arrears of the Seigniorial Fund, the amount of arrears for hospitals and charities.....	131,704

Total	1,995,202
which ought not to enter into the expenditure of the present year.	

These two amounts being deducted from the estimated gross expenditure give as the ordinary expenditure of the year...\$14,321,360

I now come to the statement of the anticipated revenue to meet this expenditure, and I hope the result will not be unsatisfactory to the House or to the country. It will be remembered that in November last, the Government anticipated that there would be sufficient revenue to meet the expenditure, and a small excess besides. Well, judging from the experience of the nine months that have now expired since the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1st, I am enabled to state that I think those anticipations will be fully realized, and that there will be some excess—a fair and moderate excess—beyond even that which in December last I said I expected. (Hear, hear,)