

the amount of expenditure down to \$11,128,257.21, and taking the official census figures for Ontario of 1911 at 2,523,274, the expenditure now amounts to the outrageous sum of \$4.41 per head!

A comparison of a few items will indicate how this enormous increase is made up:—

Cost of Civil Government.

1919 (estimate by Treasurer).....	\$1,163,700.00
1904	344,000.00
Increase.....	819,700.00

Legislation.

1919 (estimates)	328,700.00
1904	200,000.00
Increase.....	128,700.00

Administration of Justice.

1919 (estimates)	797,860.00
1904	482,000.00
Increase.....	315,860.00

The Public Debt.

The increase in the public debt since 1904 is even more striking. The Public Debt, or direct liabilities of the Province, amounted during the financial year 1917-18 to over \$75,000,000. In 1904 it was only \$11,709,651.

Compare the years—

1904	\$11,709,651
1908	17,282,592
1911	24,765,923
1914	49,389,366
1918	75,645,917

The reckless extravagance of the Government has never been condoned by the Liberal Opposition. Despite the most vigorous protests the Government has relied upon its docile majority in the House to sanction any expenditure that it undertook. The Liberal policy, on the other hand, has always been to ascertain:—

- (1) Whether the borrowing and expenditure were necessary for the proper development of the Province.
- (2) Whether the Government was getting a dollar in value for every dollar expended.