

Lunatic Asylum, Montreal	17,821.29
Repairing school, Fr. An'ld.	999.38
Commission re Beet root culture	6,206.00
Quebec railway bridge	3,431.00
Spencerwood	15,231.00
Damage caused by storm July 29th 1890	9,880.00
	\$1,531,979.20

So far as the present Government is concerned it has competently done no

works; nevertheless, it has made opportunities to augment the debt by useless expenses and unhappy financial transactions which have served to enrich the bankers and their friends without any benefits resulting therefrom for the good of the Province. It under the pretext of a new Government has no evident system of political financing caused the Province to lose a sum equal to that spent by the Mercier regime under the head of special expenditures.

Deficits.

The Government has been unable to balance its budget of ordinary expenses, even with a surplus of receipts, without having recourse to the product of the new taxes to a considerable extent. The Government itself admits the following deficits upon its ordinary operations as can be seen from the following Statement A, page 34, of Mr. Atwater's Budget Speech, delivered on December 9th, 1890:

Payments. Receipts. Deficits.
1892-93. \$4,492,106.21 \$4,467,278.21 \$21,988.00
1893-94. 4,550,629.50 4,320,427.22 230,202.28
1894-95. 4,506,633.31 4,313,971.65 162,661.65
1895-96. 4,415,268.52 4,350,594.91 55,473.61

The deficits would be very much larger if the amounts arising from the new sources of revenue created by the taxes of 1892—and included in the receipts—were subtracted. These amounts are as follows:

1892-93.	8193,591.75
1893-94.	518,466.11
1894-95.	487,398.15
1895-96.	411,856.02

These figures will show what the deficits of the Administration of "honest men" would have been if it had not had these taxes to draw on which its predecessors did not have, and without the increased receipts which we have inflicted.

The apparent deficit in 1894-95 is \$162,661.65, but it is really no less than one

hundred dollars more; the Government, in order to reduce its deficit, having added the sum of \$100,000 arising from the sale of the Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal.

If the amounts paid as railway subsidies, each year, are added to the deficits—subsidies are arrived at:—

1893.

Total expenses under the present Government.	\$5,342,561.30
Total receipts; less temporary loans	4,441,770.48

Deficit between total receipts and total expenses	900,799.82
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1894.

Total expenses	\$5,526,056.19
Total receipts	4,260,533.61

Deficit	1,265,522.58
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1895.

Total expenses	\$5,361,153.23
Total receipts	4,843,971.65

Deficit	1,017,181.58
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1896.

Total expenses	\$1,665,445.11
Total receipts	4,350,994.91

Deficit	305,801.20
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Mr. Shehyn's speech will show the details of the above items.

Taxes.

The prime object of the present Government appears to be to traduce the Mercier Administration, and instead of leaving its Adminstration, and instead of pointing out what it calls the wickedness of everybody else except the crew of self-styled "honest men," the electors must beware of the Government's red herring which is being dragged across the track. So soon as the Government sat down in the seats of the mighty in 1892, it began to exert all its power to make the people forget its own sins, its Royal Commissions and other peccadilloes. Samples of the financial condition of the Province were taken from the darkest days and held up as the way the Liberals did things.

Evidently from the very outset the Tories made up their minds to "make a good thing" out of their term of office and so proceeded to pile the most outrageous and odious taxes upon the people in order "to raise the wind," asserting that it was necessary on account of the debts of their predecessors. The old saw "qu'excuse, s'accuse" finds a brilliant illustration in the present Government of Quebec.

This thin strategy was the Government's plan to get money and lay the weight of the odium on Liberal shoulders.

The very first session of the Tory Legislature saw the passing of a series of taxes of the most detestable kind,

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