

Following on these, are sundry minor matters, such as rents and repairs, ocean and river service, fisheries, culling timber, commutation with clergy, new coinage, &c., which bring us to the concluding items under the head of Collections of Revenue. The collection of customs amounts to \$341,863, or about 10 per ct. on the revenue accruing therefrom; the excise to 16,290 being trifle over 10 per cent. The Post Office would appear to be by no means a paying institution *per se*. It is no doubt highly successful in carrying the burdens, moral, religious, political, civil and uncivil, of the country generally, but is evidently totally incapable of carrying its own. Its noble philanthropy is something startling; in fact it is the only thorough-going, whole souled philanthropic institution within the whole range of governmental jurisdiction. Behold the figures. With a total revenue of only \$295,395, it launches out boldly into an expenditure of \$565,636, or an excess of expenditure over revenue of a round sum of two hundred and seventy thousand dollars: from this, however, should be deducted a hundred and fifty thousand paid on account of the preceding year. This deficit it appears is mainly attributable to the free transmission of newspapers. Not one cent of this, however, we would emphatically state, can be imputed to the *Merchant's Magazine*, since that periodical has hitherto paid its own travelling expenses, to the extent of the full postal charge. It is now proposed by the Postmaster General to place all other periodicals on a similar footing; and really if things have arrived at that pass when it is found expedient to withdraw the scanty assistance hitherto afforded to our literary and scientific institutions, agricultural societies, &c.; it seems scarcely unfair, however unpalatable, that these private concerns should be launched out upon the same sea and made to float upon their own bottoms.

The rest of the collections are, from Public Works, \$270,572, Territorial, \$221,316; Fines and Forfeitures, \$11,887; Casual, \$33; and Special Funds, \$17,218.

Here then are the items that make up the sum total of our expenditure for the past year—the eleven millions odd, with which we attempted to arrest the attention and excite the admiration of the reader at the opening of this article. We can, of course, all of us see something wrong, and could all make magnificent corrections and amendments, if we only had the power, which, thank Providence, we have not. The most careless and prodigal will sometimes learn by experience, especially if it be dearly bought, and perhaps out of our eleven millions we may, at least, purchase a little of this wholesome commodity to serve us in future years, if nothing more substantial.