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a large proportion to the total amount of the revenue received; and that it ought to be reduced within the smallest possible compass at as early a period as is practicable.

The remainder, then, of the casual and territorial revenue may be estimated at rather more than 9,000*l.*; and if from this item there be deducted the expense of collection and management, amounting probably to 1,500*l.* or thereabouts, there will be at the disposal of the Government the sum of about 7,500*l.* more or less, liable to some increase, I would hope, from the double operation of diminished expense in the collection, and increased receipts from some of the items.

The first item to which it will obviously be proper to apply this fund will be that portion of the provision for the clergy of the Established Church which has hitherto been paid either out of the Army Extraordinaries, or the funds of the Commissary General. Nothing can be more unseemly or objectionable than such a mode of meeting that charge, nothing more correct than placing it on the casual and territorial revenue. You will therefore pay the stipends contained in the enclosed list (now charged, as far as I can make out, on the Army Extraordinaries,) out of that fund, and adding thereto the sum of 1,000*l.* to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, and 500*l.* divided between the different Presbyterian ministers in the Province; the whole charge under the head of Religious Services will amount to 6,850*l.* There will then remain a sum of about 950*l.*; but I do not think that it would be prudent to place at present any fixed charge upon that surplus, in order that there may always be some reserve in hand to meet unforeseen contingencies.

Whether it would be possible to induce the Legislature (or prudent to attempt it) to take upon the provincial funds the charge of the Roman Catholic Bishop, I cannot undertake to say; and I must leave it to your discretion to decide upon that question on the spot. If, however, it should be practicable to relieve the casual revenue from that charge, or if any other circumstances should increase its disposable amount, then it would be desirable that such disposable increase should be applied to the payment of an equivalent portion of the charge for the Church of England, now defrayed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, out of the annual vote of the British Parliament.

I have, &c.
(signed) Goderich.

SALARIES and ALLOWANCES to the CLERGY of *Lower Canada*, exclusive of the Allowances from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

	£.	s.	d.
Lord Bishop of Quebec - - - - -	3,000	-	-
Archdeacon of Quebec - - - - -	650	-	-
Minister of Trinity Chapel, Quebec - - - - -	200	-	-
Ditto - ditto - Montreal - - - - -	300	-	-
Ditto - ditto - Three Rivers - - - - -	200	-	-
Ditto - ditto - William Henry - - - - -	150	-	-
Ditto - ditto - Durham - - - - -	100	-	-
Ditto - ditto - Chatham - - - - -	100	-	-
Ditto - ditto - Caldwellmanor - - - - -	100	-	-
Ditto - ditto - St. Armand - - - - -	100	-	-
Evening Lecturer - Quebec - - - - -	150	-	-
Ditto - - - - Montreal - - - - -	150	-	-
Verger at Quebec - - - - -	30	-	-
Rent of Protestant Burial Ground - - - - -	20	18	6
TOTAL, Church of England - - - - -	3,250	18	6
Presbyterian Minister, Quebec - - - - -	£ 50		
Ditto - - - - Montreal - - - - -	50		
Additional allowance to Presbyterian Ministers - - - - -	500		
TOTAL, Church of Scotland - - - - -	600	-	-
Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec - - - - -	1,000	-	-
TOTAL - - - - -	£ 6,850	18	6

19. What is meant by the Land Fund?—The revenue acquired under that name has been derived from various sources at various periods of time. Formerly it consisted in a great measure of fees upon grants of land, rents of land and quit rents. Lately the plan of disposing of the Crown lands only by sale has been introduced and enforced throughout the colony.

20. Then the whole revenue comes from land sold by the Government in the Colony?—Yes.

21. The revenue which you first described is as it existed in 1829?—Yes.

22. Has it materially altered in amount since that period?—I should think the gross amount of the casual and territorial revenue is rather less than it used to be.

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