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Provincial Finances

The report of the Provincial Auditor on the public accounts for the year 1895 has been presented and it shows that the work of the Province has been carried on during the year with a surplus of \$185,000. The report is a most interesting one, and shows that the Province has been able to carry on its ordinary expenses without any recourse to the public treasury.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Dominion Subsidy, Halifax Lands, Commercial Travellers, etc.

Against this, the public accounts show the ordinary expenditure to have been \$278,807.95, and the expenditure on capital account \$30,369.85, or a total expenditure of \$309,177.80, leaving a deficit on the year's transactions of \$124,177.80.

When the present Provincial Government came into power they made great professions of economy. They asked permission to issue debentures to the extent of \$185,000. With this they intended, so they said, to pay off any little indebtedness they might have inherited from their predecessors in office, and thoroughly repair the

Provincial Building. After that the most rigid economy was to be practised; expenditure was to be kept within revenue, and every thing was to go on swimmingly. These were the promises; what are the actual results? The Provincial Building has not been repaired; large sums have been wrung from the people in taxes in one shape or another; thousands of dollars have been acquired by means of loans, and yet yearly deficits have been the rule.

Dominion Parliament

On the orders of the day being read, the House of Commons on Monday March 23, Mr. Laurier rose and said: "I suppose that the house is anxious to know that the house whether there is any truth in the rumor that a commission has been appointed to proceed to Winnipeg to confer with the Manitoba government in respect to the Manitoba school question."

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The proceedings in the house on Wednesday were inexpressibly dull, being relieved only by a characteristic speech of the member for Montreal Centre. Replying to Mr. McShane, Sir Adolphe Caron said it was not the intention of the government at present to reduce the charge for drop letters to one cent.

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Tuesday, March 24. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, having retired, Mr. Speaker, again read the speech, with which the session had been opened. Mr. S. E. Gallant was then "in motion" and the representative of the Third District of Prince County. The usual committees were appointed, after which the House adjourned till 3 o'clock next day.

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