

Province of Quebec, one in Ontario, one in British Columbia and a troop, I think, in the Province of Quebec. These additional organisations were established last year. I think, Mr. Speaker, that on this question, perhaps, there may naturally be in the House some little difference of opinion with reference to the expenditure under the head of militia. But I recollect perfectly, though then not a member of the Parliament of Canada, that engagements were entered into by gentlemen belonging to both parties, with the Imperial Government, when in England, for an expenditure of \$1,000,000 a year for the defence of the country. I think such an arrangement was entered into before the Union took place. At all events, I think under existing circumstances, there will be very little objection to this increase. When the establishment of those four organisations is considered, this expenditure is not in excess of the five years previous; and I think it will not be considered a useless expenditure, but by a large portion of the members of this House and the people of Canada will be regarded as a wise and judicious protection of the country. The next item of expenditure is under the head of Fisheries. In 1877-78 \$93,262.28 were expended, and in 1883-84 \$286,700.14, making an increase of \$193,437.86. I need not explain to the House that this increase is the result of its action in giving the fishermen of Canada a bounty, which has had the most beneficial results, so far as the production of our fisheries is concerned. I think there were no objections offered to that proposition even on the opposite side of the House. The only anxiety hon. gentlemen opposite manifested, if my memory serves me, was that it should be simply a vote of Parliament for \$150,000 a year, but that it should be embodied in a Bill so that it might be made permanent. Therefore, under these circumstances, I think no hon. gentleman on the other side