

STAFF, APPROPRIATION, EXPENDITURE AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The staff at present employed is 52, viz.: professional, 34; ordinary, 18.

During the year the following changes in the permanent staff have taken place:—

Dr. A. C. Lawson, Field Geologist, resigned.
 Mr. Amos Bowman do do
 Mr. F. G. Wait, appointed Assistant Chemist.
 Mr. L. N. Richard, appointed Draughtsman.
 Mr. J. B. Tyrell, promoted from 2nd to the 1st Class.
 Mr. R. L. Broadbent do 3rd do 2nd do
 Mr. H. M. Ami do 3rd do 2nd do

The amount available for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890, was:—

| | Grant. | | Expenditure. | |
|---|---------|------|--------------|------|
| | \$ | cts. | \$ | cts. |
| Civil list appropriation | 45,750 | 00 | | |
| General purpose appropriation | 62,100 | 00 | | |
| Civil list salaries | | | 40,768 | 78 |
| Wages of temporary employes | | | 17,051 | 85 |
| Exploration and survey | | | 22,528 | 01 |
| Printing and lithography | | | 13,520 | 83 |
| Boring operations, Deloraine | | | 2,497 | 54 |
| Purchase and binding of books, &c., and purchase of instruments | | | 1,232 | 80 |
| Purchase of specimens | | | 814 | 57 |
| Laboratory apparatus and chemicals | | | 238 | 34 |
| Stationery, mapping materials, and Queen's Printer | | | 1,216 | 45 |
| Incidental and other expenses | | | 2,488 | 09 |
| | | | 102,357 | 26 |
| LESS—Paid in 1889 | | | 6,026 | 93 |
| | | | 96,330 | 33 |
| ADD—Advances to field explorers | | | 6,534 | 66 |
| | | | 102,864 | 99 |
| Unexpended balance, civil list appropriation | | | 4,981 | 22 |
| do general purpose appropriation | | | 3 | 79 |
| | 107,850 | 00 | 107,850 | 00 |

The correspondence of the Department shows a total of 11,159 letters sent and 6,016 received.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED R. C. SELWYN,

Deputy Head and Director.