

HARBOURS AND PIERS—Continued.

Kingston	\$10,647
Toronto	20,919
Owen Sound.....	9,240
Bayfield.....	41,516
Chantry Island.....	138,981
Rondau.....	30,965
Shannonville.....	2,992
Saguenay.....	6,065
Bas St. Paul.....	15,085
Bathurst, N.B.....	3,876
Richibucto.....	28,411
Dipper.....	12,233
St. John.....	141,369
Petitcodiac.....	1,194
Hillsboro'.....	1,500
Macraie's Cove.....	5,004
Tracadie.....	7,564
Liverpool.....	26,831
Mabou.....	12,176
Yarmouth.....	1,000
Oak Point.....	20,042
Ingouish.....	78,668
Ports George and William.....	5,000
Cow Bay.....	80,115
Salmon River and Plympton Harbour.....	1,200
Big Pond.....	500
Maitland.....	1,061
Total.....	\$24,261,921

So then, if the Public Debt was largely increased in the three years of the present *régime*, it was solely in consequence of contracts for Public Works left to them as a legacy by their predecessors; and it is not surely from the lips of the friends and eulogists of those predecessors that reproach for it should come. So much for the Public Debt; and now let us see how it has been with the Annual Expenditures during the same three years. I hold in my hand a comparative statement of the several items of expenditure in the year 1873-4, (the last year of the late Ministry) and in the year 1876-7, (the last year of the present Ministry of which we have Returns), and very far from finding just cause of denunciation of the men now in power in the facts it discloses, I find only grounds of rejoicing that they have held the reins with so tight a hand, and were able to restrict the expenditures within so reasonable a compass. In spite of a constantly increasing population, the opening up of new territories, the extension of civilized government into many remote districts, the admission of Prince Edward's Island into the Confederation, immense public works going on from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all entailing large additional annual burdens, and many heavy incidental expenses besides that were not borne by their predecessors, this Return shows that large reductions were effected on the ordinary annual expenditures as contrasted with those of their opponents in the year they were driven from office. Here is the statement:—

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