

of the legislature or the executive which must be met at all hazards. For instance the interest and sinking fund upon our funded debt, the care of lunatics, certain expenses connected with legislation, the administration of justice, education, etc.; but on these in part and many other services the expense can be controlled to some extent, and it is to these which I would call the attention of the House and in respect to which I rely on the common sense, good judgment and patriotism of honourable members to sustain the Government.

Allow me first, however, to give a brief approximate statement of the

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

of the province made up to the 31st December, 1883:—

LIABILITIES.

Funded debt at 31st December, 1883, outstanding..	\$18,307,826 67
Less amount included in appropriation for 1883-84	
for Sinking Fund	57,730 83
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Temporary loans and deposits	\$18,250,095 84
Railway subsidies, authorized but not yet earned.	452,665 24
Balance of appropriation and special warrants for	1,605,075 75
1883-84.....	2,113,611 07
Balance of estimated cost of Parliament Building,	
say.....	150,000 00
Balance of land debts Q. M., O. & O. Railway not	
included in appropriations and balance due con-	
tractor.....	111,936 86
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Amounting in all to.....	\$22,683,384 76

ASSETS.

Part price of Q. M., O. & O. Railway paid and in-	
vested.....	\$600,000 00
Balance of price of Q. M., O. & O. Railway not yet	
due.....	7,000,000 00
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Appropriated by law as sinking fund upon the first	
three loans.....	7,600,000 00