

roducing general Acts for these purposes, and a ready and inexpensive mode of securing legal incorporation for such objects was established, and a great impetus consequently given to the development and progress of the various industries of the Province.

The regulations of the liquor traffic were improved by taking from Municipal Inspectors the right of granting licenses, and placing this under the control of the Police Commissioners in Cities, and the Municipal Councils in other places, and giving the Government further powers for securing compliance with the law.

The number of Acts passed during the session was 103, of which 37 had reference to public objects, and 29 to railways or their incorporation.

The Government also submitted to the Legislature which ratified the following Orders in Council in further aid of railways:

1. Canada Southern Railway, St. Clair Branch.
2. Norfolk Railway, from Brantford to Port Burwell.
3. Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, from Palmerston to Wingham.
4. Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, additional amount of \$1,000 per mile from Orangeville to Owen Sound.
5. Midland Railway, from Orillia to Midland Bay.
6. Hamilton and North Western Railway, from Hamilton to Barrie, and from Clarksville to Collingwood.
7. Victoria Railway, from Lindsay to the Bobcaygeon Road.

The estimates for the year 1874 introduced by me amounted to \$2,667,495, comprising the following: (1) Current expenditure for the year, \$1,791,513; (2) On capital account, \$613,740; (3) and for other purposes, \$262,242. The revotes on capital account for Public Buildings amounted to \$197,788, and the new expenditure to \$124,913, and for Public Works (including drainage) the revotes were \$116,525, and and new votes \$56,786.

My estimate of probable revenue, including cash on hand, was \$2,772,805, and the actual receipts for the year, including cash on hand, were \$2,691,276.

FOURTH OR LAST SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

(November, 1874.)

This session commenced on the 12th November, 1874, and, although the last of an expiring Parliament, presents an equally satisfactory record of its labours, ninety-four Acts having been passed, thirty being for public objects—in providing for the increase of the representation of the Province by six additional members; in imposing additional checks against bribery and corruption at elections, and facilitating the procedure in election trials; in making titles to land more secure, and simplifying the proof thereof by lessening the time required to constitute title by possession; the ballot was also extended to municipal elections,