

Provinces gained through the promotion of a common end. The amount allotted to the different Provinces for the fiscal year 1913-14 is officially stated as follows:

Ontario.....	\$195,733.22
Quebec.....	159,882.40
Nova Scotia....	54,288.45
New Brunswick....	44,509.93
Prince Edward Island ..	26,529.85
British Columbia..	47,334.76
Manitoba.....	51,730.05
Saskatchewan....	54,296.29
Alberta.....	46,094.95
	<hr/>
	\$680,000.00
Veterinary Colleges..	20,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$700,000.00

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Hon. Mr. Hazen) was well advised in appointing a delegate to the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea. We are having ever increasing proof of a necessity of organized action in this respect and no where could better advice and opinion be found than from the experienced leaders of marine thought and action in London. I am glad to know that the policy of practically 'boats for all' on board steamships has been approved by this conference, and details such as size, equipment, and nature of the boats decided upon; that rules have been drawn up as to practice and action at sea in the use of these boats; that recommendations are being made as to safeguard against some, at least, of the causes of fire at sea—such for instance, as the carrying of explosives and combustibles; and that attention has been given to methods adopted in the extinguishment of fires; prevention is good policy and I trust the Government will find co-operation possible in this important matter, with those concerned in international marine transport.

The redistribution of seats in the House of Commons is compulsory under the British North America Act, as a result of increased population ascertained by the recent census. This also applies to an increase of western representation in the Senate. I look forward to seeing a just, honourable and equitable adjustment of this matter. It should not be a party question as to either House. In this Senate I do not suppose that any member will be found unwilling to enlarge the membership and the influence of his House or to render ample justice in representation to that splendid population in the West from which comes so much national vitality and progress.

As to other clauses in the Government's programme as stated in the speech, I can only say of the Railway Act legislation which is proposed, that consolidation of laws is always desirable, as increasing the clearness of enactments and cheapening and expediting the process of litigation. In case of complex railway enactments it is especially desirable. As to the civil service legislation, Sir George Murray's report upon the situation has been before Parliament and the people for some time. His recommendations were born of experience and knowledge and the Government's application of them to our conditions will, I am sure, be wise and popular. The Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. White) knows all about trust and loan companies and can be entrusted to make his Bill in that connection safe and sane in its changes, or in its adjustment to new conditions.

In this connection I want to congratulate the Minister of Finance upon the conditions of revenue and expenditure. The receipts for the fiscal year 1911 were \$117,780,409, of 1912 \$136,108,217; of 1913 \$168,689,903—a very marked increase. The expenditures on consolidated fund account were in the same years, respectively, \$87,774,198; \$98,161,440; and \$112,059,537. The total surplus of 1911 was, therefore, \$30,006,211; for 1912 \$37,946,776; for 1913 \$56,630,366. The great expansion was during the past two years of our present minister's administration, and I desire to emphasize the public appreciation of his management of our financial affairs during a period of some financial difficulties, and upon his having piled up in that period the largest surplus of Canadian history. Even in the latter part of 1913 the revenue was \$127,571,762 for the last nine months of the calendar year, or an increase of \$3,000,000 over the very large revenue of the same nine months in 1912. The expenditure upon important current public works was, of course, also increased but this was unavoidable and the objects all of great importance to our people. At Hamilton recently, in this connection, the Hon. Mr. White said:

"This year we shall pay all our current expenses, and we shall pay a substantial part of our capital charges. We shall have no hesitation in borrowing within reasonable bounds. Extravagance is always to be deprecated, parsimony should also be deprecated. The sensible, sound, moderate course is the one to adopt. We have our Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and inland harbours to develop and improve—it is part of the national plant of Canada. In giving you this plant, what we are doing is to make it easier for the people of Canada to transact business with other parts of the world."