

early in 1883. The second volume is now in the printer's hands approaching completion, and it is believed will be ready for distribution before the prorogation of the present Session of Parliament. It will contain the births of the year immediately preceeding the 4th day of April, 1881. The ages of the people, ages of the married, ages of the widowed, ages of the unsound in mind, ages of the blind, going to school, deaf and dumb, and occupations of the people. It will also contain a statement relating to the deaths of the year, as follows:—Deaths by sexes and months, conjugal state, and religions of the dead, the occupation followed during life and the causes of death; and lastly a statement of the number of Churches belonging to the several denominations; and also information relating to the higher class of Educational Institutions and to Penitentiaries and Gaols.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure during the year amounted to \$34,517.25, under the following heads:—

Remuneration and travelling expenses of Commissioners and Enumerators.....	\$604 81
Remuneration and travelling expenses of Officers and Employees.....	31,436 45
Printing.....	2,122 41
Stationery.....	264 32
Miscellaneous.....	89 26
Total.....	\$34,517 25

VIII.—HEALTH STATISTICS.

I had the honour, in my last Annual Report, to submit to your Excellency's predecessor the outlines of a scheme for obtaining a collection of Mortuary Statistics, adopted in consequence of repeated appeals made by members of the medical profession and others. As a result of a conference of medical men and members of the local Board of Health, certain rules and forms under authority of the "Census and Statistics Act" were adopted and approved by your Excellency's predecessor in Council, and were published in my last Annual Report, together with an explanation of the scheme, as proposed.

I have now to report that "Statistical Officers" have been appointed at the following cities, namely, Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Hamilton, Ottawa, St. John, N.B., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Fredericton, N.B., Winnipeg, and in February, 1884, at Quebec.

The kinds of difficulties incidental to all systems for obtaining new Statistics, were found by some of the officers in putting the scheme into practical effect, and in con-