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## FINANCES AND TRADE OF

 CANADA at the beginning 0F the fear 1855. By WILIIAM CAYLEY, Esq. inspector-general or canada.- Tomidou:
.JAMES RIDGWAY, No 169, PICCADILLY.

1855. 

LONDON :
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## FINANCES AND TRADE.

"That operation which, in the case of a private trader, is " called 'taking stock,' is not unbecoming to the dignity or " unsuited to the interests of a nation. It is customary and " convenient at certain periods, to look into the several sources " of our public income, and the several branches of our public " expenditure; to compare them with similar heads of revenue " and disbursement in former years; and to survey the move" ments of trade of banking, and of other pecuniary interests " which adnit of being expressed in numbers."——Preface to Finances and Trade of the United Kingdom, at the beginning of the year 1852. By Sir G. C. Lewis.

The operation which has been so justly commended as becoming the dignity, and not unsuited
to the interests of a great nation, will not be considered as inappropriate to the position, or less important to the interests, of a colony, of an offshoot of that country to which it is the boast of Canada to be allied by many a kindred tie; and although more than one pen has recently been employed in describing the resources of our richly endowed country,-her political and social institu-tions,-her actual condition and future prospects,a tabular return of the more prominent statistics of the Province may yet be found to have its use: while the adoption of reciprocal freedom of trade between the United States of America and the British North American Provinces, offering fresh incentives to enterprise, and "inaugurating," in the language of Lord Elgin, " a new era in the " commercial history of Canada," appears to furnish the fitting opportunity for " taking stock," the breathing moment, before entering upon a more extended sphere of action, to review our finances and trade, and our social condition.

The first table submitted, is a return of the public income and expenditure for the year 1854, in the shape in which it is annually laid before the Provincial Parliament.

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Table B, gives a comparative view of these returns, carried back to the period of the union of Upper and Lower Canada, in the year 1841*. Other tables follow, to which reference is made in the text.

## WILLIAM CAYLEY.

Quebec, June 1855.

* All the amounts are given in the currency in use in the Province; to convert sterling into currency, add a fifth and the twelfth of a fifth; to convert currency into sterling, multiply by sixty, and divide by seventy-three. $\therefore$ e. $\frac{4.00}{4.56 \%}=\frac{1200}{1.609}=\frac{60}{73}$



Table B.
Ar Abstract Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of Oanada applicable

| Hisads of Revimus. | 1842. | 1848. | 1844. | 1845. | 1840. | 1847. | \% 184\%. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Customs, |  |  |  |  |  |  | 804,8988 7 |
| Exoise, . . | 81,025 061 | 30,624 1100 | 94,370 5 | 20,277 1166 | $\begin{array}{rl}18,040 & 8 \\ 8\end{array}$ | 28,820 14 | 28,545 12 |
| Revenue from Publio Works, | 18,362 15 2 | 20,076 11 14 | 25,024 11 1t | 27,501 4 31 | 48,480 7 | 49,557 85 | 24,057 10 |
| Territorial, . . . . . | 25,795 388 | 27,223 7102 | 6,180 18 84 | 22,871 510 | 28,520 01 | 25,757 $15 \quad 6$ | 3,181 01 |
| Bank Imposte, - | $\begin{array}{llll}10,277 & 3 & 1\end{array}$ | 7,000 1611 | 10,402 15 ${ }^{15}$ | 13,020 171 | 15,809 111 | 16,006 7 | 12,473 |
| Casual Revenue, . | 15,851 $10 \quad 8$ | 10,028 111 | 10,302 81 | 21,094 10 89 | 15,277 011 | 12,020 171 | 7,029 9 |
| Totale, Currenoy, . . \&. | 365,605 4113 | 320,987 138 | 515,783 $\quad 0 \quad 6$ | 524,306 16 018 | 612,093 188 | 506,826 148 | 879,645 7 |


| Hands of Expmmiture. | 1842. | 1843. | 1844. | 1845. | 1840. | 1847. | 1848. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest on Public Debt, | $\begin{array}{ccc} f . & s . & d . \\ 70,644 & 8 & 1 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} £_{2} & 8 & d \\ 143,783 & 7 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} f_{1} & s . & d . \\ 147,051 & 10 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L} . & s . & d \\ 151,14 \leqslant & 8 & 3 \end{array}$ | $\stackrel{\&}{169,187} \frac{10}{10}$ |
| Civil Government, . | 48,058 5 5 | $\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{y y y}, \mathbf{3 0 4} & 19 \\ \mathbf{3 4}, 904 & 15 \end{array}$ | 28,831 ${ }^{12}$ | 149,049 410 | 14,024 20,224 12 | 101,146 38,416 | -39,804 18 |
| Administration of Jnatice, | 63,081 8 2 | 47,009 511 | 56,501 18 4 | 64,708 011 | 60,083 19 7 | 82,052 611 | 68,082 12 |
| Provincial Penitentiary, . | 3,500 00 | 6,525 127 | 10,001 8 5 | 13,000 $) 0$ | 15,350 00 | 12,762 18 | 15,000 0 |
| Legislature, | 16,976 101 | 20,342 138 | 25,506 0 O 2 | 50,601 11 4 | 51,054 20 | 45,177 0 ¢ 6 | 20,231 3 |
| Eduoation, - . | 22,858 14.2 | 18,842 $14 \quad 4$ | 68,349 177 | 70,503 1711 | 58,084 171 | 01,795 18 3 | 64,780 7 |
| Agrioultural Societies, . | 2,881 10 | 2,650 12 T | 3,349 15 \% | 7,032 1410 | $8,013 \quad 26$ | 8,446140 | 0,378 9 |
| Hospitals and other Charities, | 11,520 9 日 | 8,221104 | 7,983 121 | 14,022 611 | 14,569 $17 \quad 4$ | 15,464 0 | 12,709 3 |
| Pablic Worke, | 36,032 12 | 14,618 138 | 7,043 188 | 77,108 10 | 75,300 101 | 41,12301 | 12,167 131 |
| Militia, . - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 2,004 131 | 2,038 $7 \quad 7$ | 2,004 18 | 2,350 515 | 2,038 10 6 | 2,003 $35 \quad 5$ | 1,847 5 |
| Maintenance of Light-houses, | 2,453 1410 | 2,427 1011 | 5,160 0 11 | 4,936 10 | 0,538 127 | 4,404 97 | 4,823 2 |
| Emigration, . . . . . | 2,606 134 | ${ }^{58817} 3$ | 6,240 98 | 2,449 1 | 2,987 $14 \quad 6$ | 00987 | 768 |
| Pensione, ${ }^{\text {a }}$, - | 12,679 88 | 14,812 140 | 12,354 0 | 12,305 117 | 11,707 28 | 10,008 10 T | 10,846 0 |
| Indian Annuities, Sinking Fund, \&o. . . . |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{rr}0,055 & 0 \\ 15,000 & 0\end{array}$ |
| Miscellaneous, • | $\begin{array}{rrrr}4,2006 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ | 6,401 1201 | $39,00416 \quad 114$ | 27,87018 | $22,43 \mathrm{~s}$ ¢ 8 | 16,822 4 | 20,222 12 |
| Totals, Currency, . . . £. | 350,538 323 | 284,829 10 81 | 448,001 6113 | 528,453 0 | 505,228 124 | 458,021 171 | 474,491 3 |

- Increased by \&.146,000 on account


## Table C.

An Abstract of the Public Debt of the Province of Canada, at the several periods

|  | 19t January, 1842. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sterling Debentures in |  |
| Provincial Debentares in Canada, | 418,21912 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Balances due to Banking } \\ \text { Institutions, }\end{array}\right\}$ | 65,984 10 74 |
| Totals, Currency, . . $£$. | 1,411,239 11104 |


| 1st January, 1843. | 31at January, 1844. | 31st January, 1845. | 31st January, 1848. | 31et January, 1847. | 31st January, 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} £ . & z_{0} & d_{1} \\ 1,050,084 & 14 & 5 \\ 409,089 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { f.f. } & 8_{8} & d_{0} \\ 1,870,100 & 18 & 0 \\ 409,044 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \mathcal{£} . & s_{0} . & d_{.} \\ 2,490,233 & 18 & 1 \\ 444,770 & 11 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { \&. } & 8 . & d . \\ 2,884,752 & 8 & 10 \\ 456,420 & 11 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \boldsymbol{f} . & \text { s. } & \underset{4}{4} \\ 3,054,2 \mathrm{il} & 15 & 4 \\ 641,220 & 11 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|c} 8 . & 1 \\ 3,140,297 & 17 \\ 011,520 & 11 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,588,212 18 114 | 2,179,050 $18 \quad 8$ | 2,944,004 98 | 3,341,173 110 | 3,505,432 6 0 | 751,81 |

## Able B.

of Canada applicable to the Consolidated Fund for Thirtoen Years, from 1841 to 1854 inclusive.

| $84 \%$ | 71840. | 1849. | 1850. | 1851. | 1852. | 1853. | 1854. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{3}{ }^{2} 11{ }_{10}^{d}$ | 904,358 ${ }_{\text {c. }}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \kappa_{0} & s . & d . \\ 08,697 & 16 & 10 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{1,168,018}{ }^{2}$ |
| 0148 | 28,545 12 2 | -21,131 108 | 20,017 130 | 20,180 138 | 22,445 1111 | 22,623 87 | 1,17,288 0 |
| 788 | 24,057 16 | 42,615 17 | 52,568 17 | 65,008 108 | 71,424 310 | 77,639 108 | 83,286 196 |
| 715 | 3,181 010 | 0,568 14 | 21,714 188 | 19,061 10 | 32,248 127 | 64,147 1610 | 71,216 0.0 |
| $l_{0}^{0}$ | 12,478 10 | 10,703 46 | 13,312 60 | 15,832 7 | 18,089 210 | 28,003 194 | 26,770 10 |
| 0171 | 7,029 $\quad 7$ | 16,725 $\quad 7 \quad 2$ | 13,094 1711 | 17,500 4 | 29,005 10 4 | $21,21017 \quad 3$ | 35,001 $10 \quad 7$ |
| 6148 | 370,645 78 | 613,431 211 | 704,234 26 | 842,184 02 | 880,531 64 | 1,105,178 181 | 1,402,081 18 8 |


| 847. | 1548. | 1840. | 1850. | 1851. | 1852. | 1858. | 1854. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{lll}8 . & d \\ 8 & \\ 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \varepsilon_{1} & 2 . & d \\ 169,18 \% & 10 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \varepsilon_{2}^{2} . & 8 . & d . \\ 202,130 & 12 & 5 \end{array}$ |  | 215,448 ${ }_{\text {d. }}$ | $$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}_{6} & s . & d_{1} \\ 226,181 & 18 & 7 \end{array}$ |
| 627 | 38,804 18 7 | 32,251 011 | 33,980 81 | 40,060 190 | 39,018 $12 \quad 6$ | 36,103 175 | 42,872 8 4 |
| 2611 | 68,082 123 | 62,530 15 6 | 86,583 101 | 85,143 17 | 86,785 1811 | 80,134 121 | 90,768 181 |
| 218 | 15,000 00 | 18,800 00 | 0,950 00 | 5,000 00 | 6,000 00 | 7,000 00 | 6,000 0 O 0 |
| 765 | 20,231 3 | 60,204 108 | 49,407 $16 \quad 9$ | 47,000 17 6 | 47,774 18 6 | 66,297 60 | $88,812 \times 8$ |
| 5183 | 64,780 73 | 30,601 107 | 53,727 210 | 68,162 128 | 65,898 18 0 | 101,395 102 | 71,281 00 |
| 0149 | 0,376 98 | 8,08540 | 18,088 84 | 12.017121 | 13,704 138 | 18,811 154 | 18,168 00 |
| 40 | 12,709 31 | 12,422 140 | 14,985 0 | 17,677 88 | 13,939 8 4 | 27,300 98. | 21,775 $15 \quad 6$ |
| 301 | 12,107 1311 | 1,071 17 3 | 2,034 88 | 1,055 15 ( | 1,900 | 27,00 | 32,775 123 |
| 315 | 1,847 01 | 2,034 111 | 2,125 008 | 1,886 50 | 2,110 80 | 2,083 102 | 2,167 14 6 |
| 487 | 4,823 211 | 4,850 1110 | 6,065 17 | 6,160 107 | 8,2487 | 17,377 120 | 21,508 80 |
| 87 | $763 \leq 2$ | 59865 | 75242 | 906111 | 75242 | 75242 | 5986 |
| 18187 | 10,848 00 | $\begin{array}{llll}12,890 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | 0,005 $12 \quad 6$ | $0,547{ }^{\mathbf{0}} \mathbf{3} 7$ | 10,034 310 | 11,643 0 | 10,708 70 |
|  | 6,655 00 | 6,055 0 | 6,955 00 | 7,755 00 | 7,755 00 | 7,765 00 | 0,055 00 |
| $\cdots$ | 15,000 00 |  |  | 73,000 0 | 3210,000 00 | 73,000 0 | 73,000 © 0 |
| 246 | 20,222 127 | 10,788 13 4 | 40,109 1210 | 33,024 151 | 69,364 0 | 03,287 162 | 204,815 15 6 |
| 1171 | 474,401 3 3 | $450,013 \quad 8 \quad 2$ | 532,008 124 | 084,660 8 | 797,125 24 | 744,195 170 | 028,030 117 |

ased by $£ \mathbf{\ell} 146,000$ on account of Arrears.

## Table C.

the several periods hereunder stated, from 31st December, 1841, to 31st January, 1855.


7s. were dedt
amount would atand $£ .3,804,012$ 18s. 9 d .



## Table E.

A Statement of Debentures issued on behalf of various Special Accounts, for which the Government is partially liable, up to 31st January, 1855.

| ON WHAT ACCOUNT. | AUTHORITY. | Amount. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quebec Fire Loan | 9 \& 10 Vic. csps. 62 and 55 . . . . . | ¢ $8.10{ }^{\text {S. }}$ |
| Law Society, Upper Canada ........ | 9 Vic. cap. 33 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3,000 00 |
| Lunatic Asylum . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 9 Vic. cap. 61, and 12 Vic. cap. 32 | 24,250 00 |
| Upper Canada Building Fund ...... | 13 \& 14 Vic. caps. 2 and 68. . . . . | 30,000 0 0 |
| Court Houses, Lower Canada | 12 Vic. cap. $112 . . .$. . . . . . . . . . . | 47,157 910 |
| St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad . . | 14 \& 15 Vic. cap. 73 | 486,600 13 4 |
| Great Western Railroad . . . . . . . . . . . | Do. do. | 730,000 00 |
| isuron, Ontario, snd Simcoe Railruad | Do. do. | 577,916 134 |
| Grand Trunk Railroad . . . . . . . . . . . |  | 2,203,991 134 |
| Consolidated Municipal Losn ...... | 16 Vic. cap. 22 | 1,172,910 134 |
|  | Total, Currenoy . . . £. | 5,359,009 3 |

## 'Table F .

Statement shewing the Cost of the Chief Provincial Works.

| St. Lawrence Canals |  |  |  | $\frac{x}{1,070,342}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { 3. } & \pi \\ 4 & 0 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Welland Canal |  |  |  | 1,071,770 | 63 |
| Chambly Canal und River Richslieu |  |  |  | 104,062 | 160 |
| Lake St. Peter . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  |  | . 73,058 | $15 \quad 5$ |
| Burlington Bay Canal |  |  |  | 62,773 | $7 \quad 2$ |
| Ottapra Works ..... |  |  |  | 145,004 | 151 |
| Harbours and Light Houses. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £. $20.209,2421510$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal Harbour . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 120,3513 4 |  |  |  | 9 | 2 |
| Improvements of the Trent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  |  | 139,020 | 110 |
|  |  |  |  | 513,070 | 164 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 306,738 34,207 | 15 |
| Provincial Penitentiary <br> Miscellaneous. |  |  |  | 174,014 |  |
| $\boldsymbol{2}$. |  |  |  | 5,307,864 | 78 |

The several heads into which the annual statement is divided, are probably sufficiently intelligible to the general reader, shewing the sources whence our income is derived and the purposes to which it is applied, while the comparative view exhibits the several changes which have taken place and the gradual increase both of revenue and expenditure: a few words of explanation, however, on the principal items may not be amiss.

Our public debt has been created by what are called our Public Works, of which the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals may be regarded as the chief; the first furnishing a ship channel between Lakes Erie and Ontario, the latter supplying a succession of navigable links where the communication is interrupted by the rapids and broken water of the river from which they take their name.

The public debt of Canada, prior to 1842 , fell short of a million and a half, it has since reached four and a half millions; the larger portion of the increase grew out of the loan effected with the British Government, through Lord Sydenham, at the time of the Union, and was expended chiefly on the works just referred to, during the years $1843,4,5$, and 6 . If the revenue under this particular head were to be taken as the guage of the value of our Public Works, a very inadequate and erroneous opinion would be formed of the utility of which they have proved to the Province. To encourage traffic, the rates, more particularly on the canals, have been kept at a very low figure,
and for years these works were a source of outlay in place of revenue; for instance, the Rideau Canal (constructed by the British Government and recently handed over to the Province, ) has never met its annual cost of management and repair, and at this moment does not cover 25 per cent. of it, and yet for years this canal was the chief channel through which Upper Canada was supplied with goods from Great Britain. To our canals and harbours, roads and bridges, which have rendered our millions of acres accessible to the Settler, and brought the market of supply and demand to his door, may be attributed the rapid increase of our population, the immense extent of new land yearly brought into cultivation, and the expansion of our income from $£ .350,000$ in 1842 and 43 , to £. $1,300,000$ in 1853 and 54.

## Civil Government and Administration of Justice.

Defrayed, first, by the Civil List, i.e., a charge settled by agreement with the British Government, to be paid by the Province in exchange for the waste lands of the Crown in Canada; secondly, by various Acts of Parliament, and, thirdly, by annual appropriations. These charges will naturally grow with the settlement of the country, the increase of our population, and the demands of the public service.

## Provincial Penitentiary.

The accounts shew that the expenditure under
this head was considerably larger between the years 1844 and 1850 than it has subsequently been. During that period this establishment was in course of erection, and furnished employment to the couvicts; it embraces various large workshops, with forges and machinery for working in iron and wood: since the year 1850 the greater portion of the convict labour has been farmed out to contractors, at rates varying from 1 s .9 d . to 2 s .9 d . per day, depending on the comparative value of the trades to which the convicts are apprenticed, as blacksmiths, finishers, cabinet and agricultural implement makers, shoe makers, and tailors; some are still employed, and principally those whose period of confinement is too short to make them acceptable as apprentices, in making lime and quarrying stone within the premises, and in extending the workshops.

## Legislature.

The charge under this head is rapidly increasing. Parliamentary printing has become an important item. The members of the Lower House have. recently been increased in number from 84 to 130 ; and for the last two sessions their allowance for attendance, received also by the members of the Legislative Council, has been raised from twenty to thirty shillings per diem.

## Education.

The charge under this head is also increasing.

The common school system has recently met with much encouragement in Lower Canada, while in Upper Canada it is very generally admitted to be working most successfully. The Government aid for the current year is $£ .75,000$, which is apportioned between the two sections of the Province according to population. Some statistical details on this subject are appended.

## Militia.

The charge under this head has been small. The withdrawal of a large portion of the military force which has hitherto been maintained in Canada, and the substitution of an organised militia system, to be sustained by the Province, will probably raise this item to $£ .25,000$ per anuum.

## Sinking Fund.

This fund was created for the purpose of making provision, by annual instalments, for the re-payment of the million and a half sterling borrowed from Great Britain. The amount on the first of January, 1855, at the credit of this fund, was $\boldsymbol{£} .451,26215 s .3 d$. sterling-equal to $£ \mathbf{£ 4 9 , 0 3 6} 7 s$. in currency-invested in the 3 per cent. annuities.

## Public Debt.

Table C is an abstract of the Public Debt, from January 1842, to the commencement of the present year: the expression, Public Debt, is used in the official accounts to denote the liabilities of the

Province incurred for the public service, and to distinguish them from those engagements into which the Province has entered on behalf of others, and for which security has been taken, as in the case of Railway Companies and certuin Municipal Corporations. Tables D and E shew the liabilities of the Province in detail, under these two heads. Referring to Table C, it would appear that the Public Debt was gradually on the increase from the year 1842 to 1852 inclusive, from an amount under one million and a half, to a sum considerably exceeding four millions and a half; since which period, a reduction, somewhat exceeding $\boldsymbol{£} . \mathbf{3 0 0}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$, has been effected. A still more favourable case may be made out, however, if the Province takes credit, which she is fairly entitled to do, for the Sinking Fund, seeing that the Imperial Loan is charged in the statement; taking into account then, this Sinking Fund, it will appear that the reduction of the Public Debt commenced in 1851, and that it stood at the commencement of this year at $£ .3,800,000$ in round figures. A still further important reduction will be made during the course of the year, upon the details of which it is unnecessary now to enter, as sufficient evidence may be collected from the statements submitted, to shew that the finances of the Province are in a healthy and satisfactory condition.

## Miscellaneous.

This item as the name imports, embraces a
variety of services:-aid to public institutions, surveys, printing, annuities, and compensations, steam-tug contracts on the St. Lawrence, protection of the Gulf fisheries, \&c. The disbursements entered under this head for the year 1854, have been much increased by the following charges:Rideau Canal, $£ .9,767$; Settlement of Waste Lands, £.39,300; Patriotic Fund, $£ .24,300$; Public Buildings, $£ 662,000$. It also includes that portion of the cost and repair of public works which is defrayed out of the annual revenue, and not provided for by special loan.

## Revenue.

A very cursory glance at the returns under this head,-Table B,-will shew that the customs form the chief source of income to Canada, and that upon the judicious exercise of the power entrusted to the Provincial Legislature in this respect, the commerce, revenue, and social condition of the people, mainly depend. The principles of free trade and protection have been as freely discussed here as elsewhere, and each opinion has had its warm supporters; the present bias of Canada is clearly indicated by the universal feeling of satisfaction created by the treaty which has recently been effected, establishing reciprocal freedom of trade between the Colonies and the United States of America; and it may be observed here that, from the period when England changed her commercial policy, and preferential duties were abolished
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in Canada by the Provincial Act of 1846 , duty for revenue purposes only has been the financial policy of the several administrations which have succeeded each other in office.

Taking the first three years of the series over which the table extends, it will be observed that the revenue exhibits but a small surplus over the appropriations for the public service. In the five following years, from 1845 to 1849 inclusive, the income and expenditure are nearly balanced; in the early part of this second period,-the spring of 1846 the custom's tariff was remodelled,-the distinction between British and Foreign goods abolished, and the average rate of duty reduced. In 1849, another revision of the tariff took place, by which the revenue was much improved, and the net aggregate income for the five years, embraced in this third period, to the commencement of the present fiscal year, has yielded a surplus over expenditure of within a fraction of one million four hundred thousand pounds; the years 1853 and 1854 reaching to $£ .450,000$ and $£ .480,000$.

## Excise.

The increase and decrease in the collections returned under this head,--Table B,-require some notice. During the years 1842,3 , and 4 , the tavern license fees formed a part of the consolidated revenue; in 1844 they were appropriated by Act of Parliament to special purposes, and ceased to be brought to account; in 1847 a fresh duty was
imposed on the distillation of spirits, which was again modified in 1849; in the year 1853, another special appropriation was made of a portion of the revenue collected under this head, and its effect is seen in the diminished returns of 1854.

## Casual Revenue.

In the return for the year 1854, the sum of $£ .19,900$ is included, being the insurance on the Parliament building sand furniture, recently destroyed by fire at Quebec ; in Table B, the several items of fines, forfeitures, and law fee fund, are comprised under this head.

Important reductions were effected by the legislature last autumn, in the duties on sugar, tea, coffee, \&c., and large additions made to the list of free goods; the immediate effect of these changes, it was anticipated, would be to reduce the revenue some $£ .110,000$ or $£ .130,000$. The diminution of the revenue for the current year, will, there is every reason to expect, far exceed these limits, caused in part by the large importations of last year, the fall in the price of timber, and the hesitation of the merchant, under present circumstances, to embark freely upon large commercial transactions.

The following Tables will convey some idea of the character and growth of the trade of Canada; of what her staple products and chief articles of import consist, and the quantity of shipping that annually frequents her ports.

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## No. 1.

A Statement shewing the Value of the Imports and Exports of the Province of Canada, from 1842 to 1854, both inclusive.

| Years. | Imports. | Exports. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currency. | Currency. |  |
|  | $\stackrel{\text { £. }}{ }{ }_{2}$ 8. d. | ${ }_{2}^{2 .}$ 8. d. | The Value of Exports |
| 1841 | 2,004,100 14 0 | 2,217,160 ${ }^{2} \times 1$ | for these Years are |
| 1842 | ?,588,032 13 2 | 1,570,976 81 | confined to Mon- |
| 1843 | 2,421,300 164 | 1,003,510 88 | treal and Quebee, |
| 1844 | 4,33],050 178 | 2,044,426 40 | no Returns from |
| 1845 | $4,101,3251616$ | 2,536,635 410 | the Inland Ports |
| 1848 | $4,515,821 \quad 111$ | 2,300,755 00 | having been fur- |
| 1847 | 3,400,082 1411 | 2,080,382 1110 | hished. |
| 1848 | 3,101,328 510 | 2,801,777 114 |  |
| 1848 | 3,002,801 18 | 2,608,244 184 |  |
| 1850 | 4,945,517 36 | 2,000,498 0 |  |
| 1851 | 6,358,697 $12 \quad 7$ | 3,241,180 30 |  |
| 1852 | 5,071,023 811 | 3,826,001 160 |  |
| 1853 | 7,095,350 11 | 5,950,325 154 | - |
| 1854 | 10,132,331 6 O. | 5,754,797 109 |  |

No. 2.
ble contrasting the Value of the Importations of 1852 and 1854, and shewing the Articles in which the greatest Increaso took place.

|  | 1852. |  | 1854. |  | increase. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Value. | Duty. | Value. | Duty. | Value. | Duty. |
| $\underset{\text { in ported }}{\text { al Goods }}$ | ¢ $5,071,623$ | $\begin{gathered} £ . \\ \mathbf{7 3 9 , 2 0 3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} £ . \\ 10,132,331 \end{gathered}$ | ¢. | £. $5,000,708$ | £. 485,488 |
| es \& Spirits | 68,209 | 58,200 | 203,142 | 118.094 | 171,882 | 54,834 |
| ars | 232,677 | 118,475 | 854,004 | 138,733 | 121,927 | 21,258 |
| Ons | 774,191 | 96,774 | 1,209,087 | 158,636 | 494,896 | 61,882 |
| pllens | 767,218 | 05,001 | 1,954,361 | 109,205 | 587,148 | 73,304 |
| [are . . $\}$ | 782,009 | 60,106 | 2,017,777 | 136,509 | '1,235,788 | 70,343 |
| binery . | 61,142 | 7,042 | 214,806 | 26,850 | 153,004 | 19,209 |
| . . . | 200,547 | 25,088 | 375,605 | 46,0i0 | 175,058 | 21,882 |
| -•• | 0,781 | 841 | 127,703 | 15,963 | 120,97? | 15,122 |

large proportion of the Increase is in rails and bars, at a duty of $\mathfrak{e} .2$ 10s. per cent.

+ Now duty free.

No. 3.
Comparative Table of the Principal Articles of Import for 1853 and 1854, and giving the per centage of Increase or Decrease on each Article.

| ABTICLES OF INPORT. | 1853. | 1854. | INCREABE and <br> DEOREASE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | E.. s. d. | \&. s. $d$. | cent. |
| Sugar, Reliued | 32,188 66 | 53.419 \& 10 | 06 Increase. |
| Ditto, Raw . | 204,918 49 | 301,185 011 | $14 \%$ |
| Molasses | 58,370 176 | 64,288 50 |  |
| Ten | 300,105 685 | 803,210 71 | 7 Decrease. |
| Tobaceo ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | 117,904 1310 | 121,752 1410 | 3 Increase. |
| Brandy | 34,891 17 | 72,877 510 | $109 \quad "$ |
| Gin ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 12,941 96 | 10,597 15 1 | 30 " |
| Whisky | 24,453118 | 60,080 111 | 146 |
| Wine . | 51,331 13 4 | 74,270 110 | 45 " |
| Fruits . | 43,700811 | 50;121 103 | 35 " |
| Spices | 19,883 51 | 17,184 01 | 11 Decrease. |
| Leather, Tannod. | 58,402 88 | 88,739811 | 02 Increase. |
| Oil | 38,000 101 | 77,507 17 ¢ |  |
| Cottons | 1,315,085 15 . 6 | 1,209,087 40 | 3 Decrease. |
| Woollens | 1,254,255 14 4 | 1,354,501 6 4 | 8 Increase. |
| Liuen . | 133,414.12 4 | 125,873 170 | 6 Decrease. |
| Fur | 62,652 83 | 63,703 160 | 1 Increase. |
| Glass . | 52,502 314 | 80,347 61 | 63 - ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ |
| Paper . | $42,307 \quad 0 \quad 2$ | 02,423 98 | 23 |
| Silk | 860,380 14 | 375,605 1010 | 4 " |
| Leather, Manufactured | 111,916 $10 \quad 1$ | 160,051 10 3 | 44 " |
| Machinery | 112,927 110 | 214,800 011 | $01 \%$ |
| Musical Instruments | $33,70914 \quad 9$ | 38,038 11 | 14 " |
| Wood Mamufnctares | 53,005 15 5 | 90,350 14 11 | 87 " |
| Iron anil Hardware | 648,720 25 | 800,558 6 - | $33 \%$ |
| Iron, Unmanufactured | 407,404 74 | 750,033 3 | 80 |
| Railroad Iron | 343,30310 | 398,585 134 | 16 " |
| Mess Pork . | 25,150 11 5 | 127,703 14 1 | 407 " |
| Books | 103,24J 56 | 110,816 6 | 10 " |
| Fish . | 48,022 18 4 | 60,852 123 | 25 " |
| Indiun Corn | 01,030 140 | 177,735 $10 \quad 6$ | 187 |
| Recapilulation. <br> Goods pajing specific and ad. val. duty |  |  | 14 |
| Goods at 30 per cent. . . . . | 68,503 1\% 1 | 1,107,110 78 | 14 |
| Goods at 25 " | 22,014 6 6 | 46,037 711 | 112 " |
| Gooils at 1:H | 5,121,173 78 | 6,149,754 7 | 20 |
| Goods at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " | 1,290,805 3 3 6 | 1.954,297 10 | 50 |
| Free Goods. | 443,807 $18 \quad 1$ | 703,435171 | 58 |
| Total Value of Goods | £.7,005,850 11 | 10,132,331 609 | 27 " |


No. 5.
Classified Statement of Exports for 1854, and to what Countries.



No. 7.
Compabative Table of the principal Articles of Export, for the Years 1853 and 1854, and giving the per centage of Increase or Decrease on each Article.


Comparative Statement of Exports from the Province of Canada of
rs 1853 and Article.

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and dedrease.

33 Decrease. 13 Increase. 30 Decrease. 95 7 Increase.

## 73 Increase.

 86
40
8
83
81 Increase.

4
3 Decrease. 1 Increase. 2 Decrease.


No. 8.
Comparative Statement of Exports from the Province of Canada of the Products of the Forests, and of Vegetable Fs 1847 to 1854 incl

and of Vegetable Food (with the Values in 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, and 1854), during each of the past 8 years, from 1847 to 1854 inclusive.

| 0. | 1851. |  | 1852. |  | 1858. |  | 1854. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value. | Quantity. | Value. | Quantiq. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. |
| $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { e. } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 230,437 & 3 & 6\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { £. } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 172490 & 5 & 7\end{array}$ |  | f. s. d. |  | £. s. d. |  | £. s. d. |
| 236,437 81,057 8 | 27,944 | 172,496 5 7 <br> 13865 2 10 | 25,34 | 171,688 25 | 17,900 | 118,379 190 | 16,273 | 131,746 $11 \quad 7$ |
| 81,057 77 | 8,463 | $43,865 \quad 210$ | 0, $\mathbf{l}^{6}$ | 60,316 139 | 9,174 | 38,412 100 | 4,409 | 27,308 18 4 |
| 1,713 00 | 3,018 | 3,72080 | 2,3\% 5 | 2,300 00 | 2,475 | 3,259 78 | 2,655 | 7,300 50 |
| 7,181 00 | 4,043 | 5,50588 | 2,56 | 3,659 120 | 3,208 ${ }^{2}$ | 6,152 100 | 2,665 | 5,125 110 |
| 55,319 100 | 35,644 | 49,146 195 | 23, $3^{\prime} 1 \frac{1}{2}$ | 34,072 18 ) | 28,933 | 67,022 25 | 37,621 | 93,005 10 0 |
| 158180 | $440 \frac{1}{2}$ | 435 5 3 | 众连 | $95 \quad 50$ | 21 | 53170 | 116 | 12100 |
| 64,350 7 7 6 | 40,070 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 57,400 178 | 30,4, $3 \frac{3}{2}$ | 00,517 87 | 38,7801 | 80,153 16 | 37,525 | 142,048 20 |
| 200,215 71 | 453,435 | 400,972 25 | 423, 6,27 | 413,119130 | 408,415 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 653,021 410 | 518,430 | 722,467 17 |
| 117,489 7 | 91,145 | 114,875 $15 \quad 3$ | 63,104 ${ }^{2}$ | 04,579 113 | 70,483 | 187,525 10 | 67,847 | 111,309 6 |
| 1,257 50 | 4,3564 | 1,415 139 | 2,342 | $2,518 \quad 50$ | 584 | 1,107 110 | 1,677 | 2,544100 |
| $2,280 \quad 8 \quad 2$ | 1,104 ${ }^{\text {m }}$ | $5,93 \pm 80$ | 1,515 | 4,738 10 | 3,212 | 9,825 18 5 | 065 | 2,902 100 |
| 427193 | 79 | 243100 | 911 | 1,168 50 | 1,301 | 2,456 0 | 600 | 1,800 18 4 |
| 17,708 136 | 1,195\%/10 | 20,76970 | 49 | 17,009 150 | 2,276 | 100,600 70 | 1,774 | 88,871 100 |
| 68,815 0 0 3 | 4,500 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 92,344 146 | 3,7 1 | 88,571 15 2 | 2,5581 | 38,165 8 8 | 3,749 | 53,409 8 |
| 8,857150 | 729,050 | 11,060 $15 \quad 2$ |  | 20,703 411 |  | 15,507 11 \% |  | 14,146 $7 \quad 0$ |
| 146,335 100 | 3,526,647 | 239,360 $19 \quad 7$ | 4,020,1 17 | 287,420 15 | 3,859,321 | 420,046 162 | 4,978,095 | 520,767 1510 |
| 199,295 110 | 120,170 | 209,138 181 | 150,7 1 | 288,178 $10 \quad 4$ | 218,546 | 470,187 150 | 168,554 | $397,770 \quad 75$ |
| 15.206 176 | 0,482 | 14,101 81 | 16,6 1 | 12,895 3 3 | . . . | 27,313 610 | 7,801 | 94,076 $13 \quad 1$ |
| 7,046100 | 17,350 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11,641 $19 \quad 9$ |  | 20,144 10 | - • | 25,037 1411 | . . . . | 24,174 811 |
| 3,882 17 | 20,9723 | 7,880 170 | 43,8;3 | 14,102 45 | 24,8214 | 10,028 811 | 14,745 | 6,459 15 4 |
| 3.173139 | 34,425 | 8,042 139 | 67,5 10 | 13,050 138 | 70,059 | 19,437 86 | 50,510 | 14,902 174 |
| 6.123105 | . . . . | 11,364 174 | . . . . | 6,493 120 | . . . . | 18,810 123 | . . . . | 14,652 48 |
| 10,395 8 0 | $\cdots \cdot \cdots$ | 28,085 $17 \quad 2$ | $\cdots \cdot \cdot$ | 25,517 6 5 | . . . . | 31,923 125 | . . . . | 17,330 88 |
| 1,360,734 64 |  | £.1,515,878 196 |  | £.1,614,584 $14 \quad 9$ |  | £.2,355,255 22 |  | £.2,405,341 1610 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { £. } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 208,033 & 10 & 7\end{array}$ | 933,756 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { £. } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 171,705 & 1 & 0\end{array}$ | 1,883,5'8\} | $\begin{array}{ccc} £_{35,450} & s . & d \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2,660,003 | $\begin{array}{ccc} £ . & s . & d . \\ 772,610 & 8 & 1 \end{array}$ | 1,442,677 | $\begin{array}{ccc} £_{1} & \text { s. } & d . \\ 524,534 & 6 & 3 \end{array}$ |
| 685,790 4 | 608,023 ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | 070,825 78 | 702,6:4 | 680,377 102 | 780,058 | 1,062,208 1411 | 651,400 | 1,109,174 18 5 |
| 8,614129 | 51,503 | 6,607 5 2 | 6.3 | $85 \quad 7 \quad 5$ | 881 | 149150 | 57,086 | 11,091 $17 \quad 0$ |
| 7,760 12 10 | 180,446 | 21,550 115 | 151,912 | 19,330 1010 | 43,353 | 6,505 315 | 112,383 | 23,080 |
| $4,011 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 5,511 | 4,815 20 | 4,5, | 3,6571711 | 4,031 | 4,812 1111 | 4,842 | 5,950 \% |
| 1,127 0 5 | 2,757 | 2,147 130 | 5,0.51 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 3,492 178 | 0,008 | 8,005150 | 7,030 | 8,0007 |
| 30,414 $16 \quad 6$ | 172,837 | 22,525 70 | 242, 2.7 | 36,883 1811 | 243,770 | 47,750 50 | 133,051 | 33,752 $19 \quad 5$ |
| 33,660 711 | 497,027 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 33,601 148 | 641,6 6 | 40,587 6 | 1,028,310 | 84,131 7 | 33,050 | 4,127 13 |
| 539178 | 72,223 | 1,570 48 | 47,6 3 | 1,314 90 | 8,741 | 378211 | 105,808 | 8,370 6 |
| 183 in 6 | 1,812 | 143110 | 17,6 11 | 2,750 610 | 4,954 | 778160 | 4,803 | $1,203 \quad 4 \quad 3$ |
| 3381111 | 1,965 | 2502 |  | 16370 |  | 23298 |  | 179168 |
| 1,138 30 | 24,694 | 1,873 1 l 0 | 11,0 11 | 020160 | 0,477 | 550 -10 | 7,568 | 882178 |
| 2,915 8 8 0 | 14,333 | 2,21470 | 4,0:8 | 79100 | 8,38\% | 1,09026 | 60 | 18150 |
| 1,544 $8 \quad 4$ | 3,969 | 1,663 $10 \quad 8$ | 4,2 2 ! | 2,181 10 | 4,836 | 3,592 120 | 4,187 | 1,743 810 |
| 1,046,034 6 4 |  | £.941,597 $18 \quad 8$ |  | $£ .1,157,008 \quad 8 \quad 4$ |  | £.1,992,811 $10 \quad 7$ |  | £.1,882,680 $\quad 2 \quad 8$ |

No． 9.
SHIPS INWARDS．－Statement of the number of Vessels entered Inwards from Sea，at the undermentioned Ports，
 and the three preceding years．

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No. 10
SHIPS OUTWARDS.-Statement of the number of Ships entere 1 Outwards for Sea, at the undermentioned Ports, shewing their Tonnage, number of men employed, and to what Country cleared, for the year 1854, and the three preceding years.


Year.

1704
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No. 11.
Statement of Vessels Arrived at the Port of Quebec in each Year, from 1764 to 1854 inclusive, with their Tonnage and Number of Men.

| Year. | No. of Vessels. | Tonnage. | Men. | Average Tonnage each Vessel. | Year. | No. of Vessels. | Tonnage. | Men. | Average Tounage Vescel. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1764 | 67 | 5,408 | 508 |  | 1811 | 532 | 116,087 | 5,553 |  |
| 65 | 52 | 4,814 | 450 |  | 12 | 309 | 86,106 | 3,950 |  |
| 06 | 06 | 0,909 | 001 |  | 13 | 100 | 43,850 | 2,200 |  |
| 67 | 70 | 5,157 | 517 |  | 14 | 173 | 31,002 | 1,4.56 |  |
| 08 | 46 | 4,009 | 350 |  | 15 | 184 | 35,022 | 1,744 |  |
| 69 | 82 | 7,411 | 587 |  | 16 | 281 | 53,390 | 2,889 |  |
| 70 | 48 | 5,870 | 304 |  | 17 | 332 | 77,715 | 3,029 | $\} 228$ |
| 71 | 77 | 0,884 | 507 |  | 18 | 388 | 90,118 | 4,018 |  |
| 72 | 62 | 6,313 | 404 |  | 19 | 645 | 150,122 | 6,005 |  |
| 73 | $)$ |  |  | $\} 91$ | 20 | 585 | 147,754 | B,767 |  |
| 74 | 1 |  |  |  | 21 | 434 | 102,786 | 4,645 |  |
| 75 |  |  |  |  | 22 | 612 | 145,053 | 6,4.50 |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  | 23 | 560 | 132,034 | 6,130 | J |
| 77 | - 03 |  |  |  | 24 | 619 | 150,000 | 8,047 |  |
| 78 | - 03 | 5,740 | 509 |  | 25 | 790 | 195,508 | 10,348 |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  | 20 | 714 | 170,849 | 0,282 |  |
| 80 |  |  |  |  | 27 | 018 | 152,712 | 8,080 |  |
| 81 |  |  |  |  | 28 | 718 | 183,472 | 9,340 |  |
| 82 |  |  |  |  | 29 | 000 | 230,575 | 11,700 | $\} 228$ |
| 83 | 69 | 8,702 | 724 |  | 30 | 898 | 227,275 | 11,048 |  |
| 84 | 32 | 5,104 | 356 |  | 31 | 1027 | 203,523 | 13,350 |  |
| 85 | 58 | 8,834 | 586 |  | 32 | 045 | 261,071 | 12,285 |  |
| 80 | 74 | 10,006 | 547 | $\} 141$ | 33 | 941 | 248,071 | 10,870 |  |
| 87 |  |  |  |  | 34 | 1089 | 295,650 | 12,828 | J |
| 88 | * 58 | 8,199 | 553 |  | 35 | 1105 | 311,490 | 13,425 | ) |
| 80 | 0 |  |  |  | 36 | 1152 | 344,406 | 14,445 |  |
| 90 | 50 | 8,506 | 461 |  | 37 | 1002 | 313,885 | 13,237 |  |
| 91 | 81 | 14,760 | 826 |  | 38 | 1020 | 333,133 | 13,552 |  |
| 02 | 63 | 12,301 | 659 |  | 39 | 1008 | 357,837 | 15,202 |  |
| 93 | 114 | 10,758 | 933 |  | 40 | 1285 | 430,951 | 16,827 | \} 382 |
| 04 | 113 | 22,129 | 1,274 |  | 41 | . 1234 | 430.175 | 16,664 |  |
| 05 | 117 | 22,447 | 1,678 |  | 42 | 872 | 299,049 | 11,563 |  |
| 90 | 67 | 11,050 | 890 |  | 43 | 1228 | 483,087 | 16,603 | ) |
| 97 | 89 | 10,072 | 1,077 |  | 44 | 1232 | 451,142 | 10,008 | J |
| 98 99 | 81 125 | 14,034 | 924 |  | 45 | 1489 | 576,541 | 20,032 |  |
| 99 1800 | 125 | 16,163 | 1,569 |  | 46 | 1480 | 508,225 | 20,614 |  |
| 1 | 175 | 10,757 20,517 | 1,708 | 103 | 47 48 | 1210 1188 | 479,124 452,436 | 17,064 |  |
| 2 | 179 | 18,221 | 1,204 |  | 49 | 1184 | 465,088 | 16,571 | ) 402 |
| 3 | 187 | 28,744 | 1,530 |  | 80 | 1100 | 465,804 | 16,092 |  |
| 4 | 105 | 22,804 | 1,107 |  | 51 | 1300 | 533,497 | 17,753 |  |
| 5 | 157 | 18,705 | 1,097 |  | 52 | 1234 | 506,123 | 16,630 |  |
| 0 | 107 | 16,756 | 1,008 |  | 53 | 1351 | 5\%0,738 | 10,360 |  |
| 7 | 193 | 18,355 | 1,880 |  | 54 | 1416 | 018,926 | 20,301 | J |
| 8 | 331 | 70,275 | 3,220 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 517 | 85,476 | 4,120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 627 | 134,204 | 5,308 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* Average of preceding and following years given, the compiler being unable to ascertain the precise number.
No. 12.
An Account of the Gross and Net Revenue derived from Canal Tolls from $18 \div 8$ to $18 \underset{u}{4}$ inclusive.

|  | Years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1848. | 1849. | 1350. | 1851. | 1852. | 1853. | 18.54. |
| Gross Receipt of Tolls. Charges for Collection* | $\begin{array}{rrr} f . & s . & d . \\ 46,061 & 18 & 3 \\ 9,210 & 13 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline t . & s . & \text { d. } \\ 65,7 \% 2 & 10 & 6 \\ 10,661 & 18 & 7 \end{array}$ | £. s. d. <br> 76,216 4 6 <br> 12,286 2 10 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline t . & s . & d_{0} \\ 84,602 & 7 & 0 \\ 15,209 & 19 & 7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \hline \underline{E} . & s . \\ \hline 05,814 & j \\ 16,319 & 10 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \pm . & s . & A_{i} \\ 82,765 & 6 & 3 \\ 18,716 & 7 & 10 \end{array}$ |
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## THE COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The education of youth has so important a bearing upon the social condition of a country, that it is without hesitation that the following outline of the common School system of Canada (consisting chiefly of extracts from the reports furnished annually by the able Chief Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ryerson,) is subjoined to the foregoing, together with several statistical returns. The first, a general abstract, exhibiting the progress of education in Upper Canada during a series of years. The second, a return of the Students, and the operations of the Normal School. The third, and not the least important, exhibiting the condition of our public School libraries in tie second year of their establishment.

It has been the strenuous endeavour of the Legislature of Canada to throw open, to all classes of the population, the advantages of an elementary School education, and to place the management of these Schools in the hands of the people, through the Trustees periodically elected by themselves. It has no less been the object of its anxious solicitude, that the religious faith of all should be equally' respected and protected. How far these objects have been attained, time will shew; with so scat-
tered a population, entire success is beyond the bounds of reasonable expectation; in the meantime much has been confessedly done to bring clementary instruction within the reach of the great majority, and the rapidly increasing numbers, both of Schools and Scholars, is no insignificant test of the satisfactory results that have attended the development of the system. For many years, annual Parliamentary grants were made in aid of common Schools; but it was not until the year 1841 that the principle of granting money to each county, upon the condition that an equal amount was raised by the county, was established. Since this period, several modifications of the School Act have taken place, and some general idea of its present form and working may be obtained from the following outline drawn by Dr. Ryerson, the Chief Superintendent of Schools in Upper Canada:-
"The system of public instruction is engrafted upon the municipal institutions of the country. We have municipal councils of counties, of townships, of cities, of towns, and of incorporated villages. The members of county councils are elected by the councils of townships and tuwns, one or two for each; the members of township, city, town, and village councils are elected by the resident freeholders and householders of each municipality.

The municipal council of each township divides such township into School sections of a suitable extent for one School in each, or for both male and
female Schools. 'The affairs of each School section are managed by three Trustees who hold their offices for three years, and one of whom is elected annually by the freeholders and householders of such section. 'The powers of Trustees are ample to enable them to do all that the interests of a good School require. They are the legal representatives and guardians of their section in School matters. They determine whatever sum or sums are necessary for the furnishing \&c. of their School, and the salaries of 'Teachers, but account for its expenditure annually to their constituents, and report fully to the local Superintendent, by filling up blank forms of annual reports which are furnished to them by the Chief Superintendent of Schools from year to year.
"The township council imposes assessments for the erection of Schoolhouses, or for any other School purposes desired by the inhabitants of School sections through their Trustees. The inhabitants of each School section decide as to the manner in which they will support their School according to the estimates and engagements made by the Trustees, whether by voluntary subscription, by a monthly rate bill of not more than one shilling and three-pence per child on parents sending to the Schools, or by rates on the property of all, according to its assessed value, and opening the School to the children of all without exception. The
latter mode is likely to supersede both the others; but its existence and operation in connection with each School, depend upon the annual decision of the inhabitants of each School section at a public meeting called for that purpose.
"The duties of Teachers are prescribed by law, and their rights are effectually protected. No Teacher is entitled to any part of the School Fund, who does not conduct his School according to law, and who has not a legal certificate of qualification. from a county board of public instruction; nor is any School section entitled to receive any aid from the School Fund, in which a School is not kept open six months during each year by a Teacher thus recognised as to both moral character and attainments. The law also requires a public quarterly examination to be held in each school.
" The inspection of the Schools is made by local Superintendents, who are appointed by the county councils.
" Besides the local Superintendents, all clergymen recognised by law, judges, members of the legislature, magistrates, members of county councils, and aldermen, are School visitors, to visit all the Schools as far as practicable within their respective charges and municipalities. The law also recognises the holding of general meetings of School visitors in any municipality, on the appointment of any two visitors, to devise such means as they may
deem expedient for the efficient visitation of the Schools, and to promote the establishment of libraries, and the diffusion of useful knowledge. -
" There is a board of public instruction in each county, consisting of local Superintendents, and the trustees of the Grammar Schools in such county. The Teachers are examined and arranged in three classes according to a programme of examination, prepared and prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada.
" The municipal council of each county is responsible for raising at least an equal sum for selaries of Teachers in the several townships within its jurisdiction, with that which is annually apportioned to them, out of the Parliamentary appropriation by the Chief Superintendent of Schools. The county councils also appoint the local treasurers of the School Fund, and the local Superintendents of Schools, and provide for their salaries. Special provision is also made for the security of the School Fund, against the diversion of any part of it, and for the prompt payment of it to the Teachers at the times specified by lavr. Both the county and township councils have authority to raise any sums they shall think proper for public School libraries under general regulations prescribed according to law. A Parliamentary appropriation has been made for the establishment of School libraries, to be expended on the same conditions with the appropriation for the support of Schools.
" 'I'he law also provides a system adapted to the circumstances of cities, towns, and incorporated villages.
" At the head of the whole system we have a council of public instruction and a Chief Superintendent of Schools, both appointed by the Crown. The council has the entire management of the Provincial, Normal, and Model Schools, recommends the best books for the Schools, and books for the School libraries, and makes the regulations for the organization, government, and discipline of common Schools, the examination and classification of Teachers, and the establishment and care of School libraries throughout Upper Canada.
"The Chief Superintendent, who is ex-officio Member of the Council of Public Instruction, and provides accommodation for its meetings, apportions the school fund to the several municipalities throughout Upper Canada; prepares the general school regulations, and submits them, as well as the text and library books, to the consideration of the Council; prepares the forms of reports and modes of all school proceedings under the Act, and gives instructions for conducting them, as well as for holding teachers' institutes; decides questions of dispute submitted to him; takes the general superintendence of the normal school; provides facilities for procuring text and library books, and provides and recommends plans of school houses; prepares annual reports; cor-
responds with local school authorities throughout Upper Canada, and employs all means in his power for the promotion of education and the diffusion of useful knowledge. He is responsible for his official conduct and for all monies that pass through his department."

The following are the regulations on the constitution and government of schools, in respect to religious and moral instruction prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada:-
"As Christianity is the basis of our whole system of elementary education, that principie should pervade it throughout. Where it cannot be carried out in mixed schools, to the satisfaction of both Roman Catholics and Protestants, the law provides for the establishment of separate schools, and the Common School Act, sect. 14, securing individual rights as well as recognising Christianity, provides,—'That in any model or common school established under this Act, no child shall be required to read or study in or from any religious book, or to join in any exercise of devotion or religion which shall be objected to by his parents or zaardians: provided always that within this limitation, pupils shall be allowed to receive such religious instruction as their parents or guardians shall desire, according to the general regulations which shall be provided according to law.'
"In this section of the Act thus quoted, the principle of religious instruction in the Schools is
recognised; the restriction within which it is to be given is stated; and the exclusive right of each parent and guardian on the subject is secured, without any interposition from Trustees, Superintendents, or the Government itself.
" The common School being a day School, and not a boarding School, rules arising from domestic relations and duties are not required; and as the pupils are under the care of their parents and guardians on Sabbaths, no regulations are called for in respect to their attendance at public worship.
" In regard $y$ 'the nature and interest of the daily religious excuises of the School, and the special religious instruction given to pupils, the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, makes the following regulations:-
" The public religious exercises of each School shall be a matter of mutual voluntary arrangement between the Trustees and Teacher; and it shall be a matter of mutual voluntary arrangement between the Teacher and the parent or guardian of each pupil, as to whether he shall hear such pupil recite from the scriptures or catechism or other summary of religious doctrine and duty of the persuasion of such parent or guardian. Such recitations, however, are not to interfere with the regular cxercises of the School."

## Public School Libraries.

"School Trustees, and municipal councils are
authorised to provide means for the establishment and support of public school libraries.
" An annual parliamentary appropriation is made in aid of local exertion, and the principle is adopted of assisting each school municipality in proportion as it exerts and helps itself. The present apportionment furnishes an addition of 75 per cent. to the sum raised in each municipality. No books are admitted into any public school library which are not included in the catalogue of public school library books, prepared accordingly to the Act. The books are selected from this catalogue either by the Local Authorities or by the Chief Superintendent at their request, and are supplied by the latter from the Library Depôt on the transmission of the money."
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| Total | 13，783 | 6，711 | 1，192 | 2，899 | 1，763 | 798 | 1，283 | 709 | 498 | 3，629 | 8，938 | 7，225 | 627 | 5，007 | 8，678 | 22，556 | 718 | 81，905 |





[^0]:    - This covers the expense attending Lock Tenders and Masters, as well as Collectors of Tolls.

