
APPENDICES.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Speaker :—

Your Public Accounts Committee beg leave to submit their first report, with the following documents :—

1st. Returns for fiscal year ending 30th June, 1886, shewing details as brought to account under the respective heads of Miscellaneous Receipts, Timber Leases, Sale of Government Property, Reimbursements in Aid.

2nd. The same for six months ending 31st December, 1886.

3rd. Copy of Warrant No. 107 and vouchers connected therewith.

4th. Copy of Voucher paid under Warrant No. 178.

5th. Details of expenditure in the Sproule case, not brought to account in the printed reports, amounting to \$2,309.20 ; also an unpaid claim of \$900 due to prisoner's counsel, balance costs on prisoner's behalf, for opposing the application to quash the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Your Committee report that the overdraft at Bank of British Columbia on 19th February, 1887, was \$213,737.81.

J. H. TURNER,
Chairman.

21st February, 1887.

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1886.

Sundry Sources.

Doctors' and notaries' fees	\$181 00
Refund by Munroe Miller for 7 months' subscription to "Resources of British Columbia" (The journal was paid for in advance one year. The publication ceased with August number)	116 75
Fees for liquor licence bonds	25 00
Refund by J. Meroney for over-payment	10 00
Fees for private Bills, Legislative Assembly	660 00
Refund by Deputy Attorney-General for 4 days' travelling allowance charged in error in excess of actual time attending the Kelly extradition case at St. Paul	22 00

Nanaimo District.

Subscription by settlers for trail to Nanaimo Lake	80 00
Fees for cattle brand record	50

New Westminster.

Registration of lien	2 00
Sale of voters' lists	9 00
Fees for cattle brand record	3 50

Yale and Lytton.

Subscription by settlers in aid of bridge at Coquahalla River	120 00
Cash found on the body of E. Holloway ..	30 75
Refund by Indians Frank and Jim of amount of supplies at Lytton gaol	10 10
Refund by C. P. R. for adjustment of freight on lumber for Nicola Bridge ..	12 25
Fee for naturalization papers	1 50

Kamloops.

Registrar's fee, Section 11, Marriage Ordinance	10 00
Payment by G. B. Wright toward repairs to Eagle Pass Waggon Road	250 00
Charges for hogs impounded	7 50
Fees for naturalization papers	9 85
Copy of will, conveyance, search, &c.	7 80
Rent of Government stable	5 00

Okanagan.

Refund by Eli Lequime of over-payment to him on adjustment of land purchase ..	34 00
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Lillooet District.

Fees for cattle brand records	10 50
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Kootenay District.

Fees for cattle brand records	2 50
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Cariboo.

Commission on auction sales, 1½ per cent.	13 26
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Total	\$1,634 76
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ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of TIMBER LEASES, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1886.

Cowichan District.

W. J. Sutton..... \$ 70 69

New Westminster.

Royal City Planing Mills Co..... 1,045 65
 Moodyville Saw-mill Co. 215 72
 Do. do. 782 50
 Jno. Martin, timber dues \$15.74 ; Ross & Hayden, licences \$20 (See Note)... *35 74

Coast.

W. P. Sayward..... 138 00
 Hastings Saw-mill Co. 921 40
 Indian Che-Who-Latzu, timber dues (See Note) *57 20

Total \$3,266 90

NOTE.—The Dues and Licences included in the above, amounting to \$92.94, marked * should more properly appear under "Land Revenue." The returns by agents enumerated them under Timber Leases, and they were entered as such in Treasury accounts.

Audit Office,
 15th February, 1887.

J. McB. SMITH,
 Auditor.

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of REIMBURSEMENTS IN AID, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1886.

Sundry Sources.

Received from Government of United States for prison keep of Hibbs \$ 72 00
 Do. do. do. expenses of constable..... 38 50
 Received from Sheriff of Washington Territory for prison keep of Angelo ... 43 50
 Received from Sheriff of Montana for prison keep of Morgan..... 63 75
 Do. do. expenses of constable..... 33 25
 Received from Superintendent of Police, keep of sundry prisoners..... 20 00
 Received from H. M. Navy, keep of navy prisoners 741 50

Victoria City.

Received from Corporation of Victoria City for keep of prisoners..... 1,215 29

New Westminster.

Received from Gaoler Moresby for keep of prisoners..... 23 75

Total \$2,251 54

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 15th February, 1887.

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 Auditor.

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1886.

Printing press, boiler and engine, \$550, less charges 50 cents	\$549 50
Nanaimo.	
Surplus stores of road survey party	9 19
Cook stove	15 00
New Westminster.	
One horse	28 00
Yale and Lytton.	
Old bridge plant	46 20
Kamloops.	
Old spring waggon	40 00
Lillooet.	
Two old shovels	1 00
Kootenay.	
One horse	100 00
Total	\$788 89

J. McB. SMITH,

Auditor.

*Audit Office,
15th February, 1887.*

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1886.

Doctors' and notaries' fees	\$ 62 50
Refund from trustees of Lorne estate	116 50
Gain on gold dust	4 25
Refund by Mr. Justice Crease for telegrams in connection with revision of voters' lists (Dominion) charged to Provincial Government account, and paid at Nanaimo	10 00
Refund by Corporation of Victoria of insurance of old asylum	50 00
Refund by F. Hussey of amount alleged to have been paid to Special Constable at Lytton, same having been previously paid by voucher	60 00
Fee for liquor licence bond	2 50
Cattle brand fee (Nanaimo)	1 00
Do. (Yale)	75
Refund by C. P. R. Co. (4 car tickets)	2 00
Subscription paid to Superintendent Starret by residents for improving trails	42 50
Received from steamer Adelaide for coal sacks	3 50
Refund by Collector Wise for telegrams charged in Government account in case of Wise v. Tuttle	3 60
Refund of over-payment by J. C. Mollet on road work voucher	10 00
Registration of mechanics' liens	24 00
Cattle brand fees	1 00
Fees collected by W. Dodd, Government Agent, for drawing 2 bills of sale	4 00
Adjustment of road tolls collected after expiry of the statute	15 80
Cattle brand records	5 50
Total	\$419 40

J. McB. SMITH,

Auditor.

*Audit Office,
15th February, 1887*

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the following heads, for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1886.

TIMBER LEASES.

W. A. Beddoe & Co., from 11th October, 1884, to 11th October, 1886.....	\$5,250 00
R. H. Alexander,* licence (See Note).....	20 00
J. H. Gillespie,* licence.....	10 00
Total	\$5,280 00

*These two items should have been brought to account under the head of Land Revenue. The agent's return inadvertently included them under Timber Leases.

REIMBURSEMENTS IN AID.

Naval prisoners	\$391 00
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SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

Received from Superintendent Roycraft for sale of prison clothing.....	\$26 50
Vitrified drain pipe (New Westminster)	112 70
Horse (Kamloops).....	25 00
Total	\$164 20

J. McB. SMITH,

Audit Office,

15th February, 1887.

Auditor.

NOTE.—Under the head of Land Revenue for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1886, appears Timber Licences \$230, Timber Dues \$98.75.

ORIGINAL.

SCHEDULE A.

Issuance of Warrant, approved August 24th, 1886.

CLEMENT F. CORNWALL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Advised by Duplicate

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GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Date, July 26th, 1886.

REQUISITION No. _____, for issuance of a Warrant granting authority to C. WARWICK, to expend the following sums out of Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1887.

No. 107, AUDIT OFFICE WARRANT BOOK.

XII.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Statement M.

ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE.

VOTE NO. 141.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES, NEW WESTWINSTER DISTRICT.

Trunk Road, Langley Municipality, authorized by Hon. Provincial Secretary.....	\$1,000 00
North Arm Road, repairs authorized by Hon. Provincial Secretary.....	251 05
Completion of road from Trunk Road to McDonald's, Richmond Municipality, authorized by Hon. Provincial Secretary.....	298 60
Wm. Russell, work done on road, Upper Sumas to United States boundary, authorized by Hon. Provincial Secretary.....	50 00
Total	\$1,599 65

Certified correct, J. McB. SMITH,

Auditor.

Signature, C. WARWICK,

Office, Government Agent.

PAYMENTS UNDER WARRANT NO. 107:—

LANGLEY MUNICIPALITY.

July 31st, 1886—	C. J. Robinson, hauling 79 yards gravel @ \$1 per yard	\$79 00
Aug. 30th, ,,	G. Roberts, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	7 50
,, 24th, ,,	N. Nelson, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ days @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	40 50
,, 20th, ,,	J. Campbell, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	25 00
,, 16th, ,,	A. Murchison, splitting and hauling 900 feet corduroy	84 00
,, 16th, ,,	R. Goddard, 8 days @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	16 00
,, 11th, ,,	Robert Brown, 23 days as overseer @ \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$ day \$69, sundries \$9.65	78 65
,, 11th, ,,	John Latimer, hauling 66 yards gravel @ \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard	66 00
Aug. 4th, ,,	James Elkins, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, shovelling, @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	40 50
,, 4th, ,,	William Morrison, hauling 82 yards of gravel @ \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard	82 00
,, 4th, ,,	John Smith, 115 yards of gravel @ \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	115 00
,, 4th, ,,	F. Boyes, hauling 112 $\frac{1}{4}$ y'ds gravel @ \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. \$111.25; 2 days team, scraping \$10	122 25
Sept. 13th, ,,	W. Towle, re-covering and repairing bridge \$119.00; putting new stringers and railing on culvert in Trunk Road \$4	123 00
Oct. 13th, ,,	A. J. Bovill, team for 2 days @ \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	10 00
Nov. 10th, ,,	W. Emptage, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ days @ \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	40 50
Dec. 28th, ,,	Robert Brown, 4 days, team, @ \$5 = \$20; 8 days @ \$3 = \$24; furnishing spikes for bridge, \$4 50; hire of scraper, \$1	49 50

NORTH ARM ROAD REPAIRS.

July 27th, ,,	Charles Cridland, hauling gravel with team 2 days @ \$5 = \$10; hauling tools to wharf, \$1; hay for Government mule, \$1	12 00
,, 23rd, ,,	William Mackie, 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work @ \$2.50 $\frac{1}{2}$ day	98 75
,, 5th, ,,	William J. Graham, 24 days' work @ \$2.20	52 80
Aug. 24th, ,,	George McCrae, 37 days' work on road @ \$2	74 00

ROAD No. 9, LULU ISLAND.

July 21st, ,,	Dougherty & Cole, balance of payment for 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains of ditch and roadway	269 30
,, ,,	Do. bridge to connect with Trunk Road	29 30

WAGGON ROAD—UPPER SUMAS TO THE U. S. BOUNDARY.

July 8th, ,,	William Russell, 25 rods bridging @ \$2	50 00
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Total \$1,365 55

VOUCHER NO. 178.

VOTE NO. 141.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES, NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

Nov. 1st, 1886—	Arthur Milton, contract for construction of Campbell River Bridge, Municipality of Surrey	\$598 00
	Less in excess of appropriation paid by Municipality	98 00
		<u>\$500 00</u>

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES IN THE SPROULE CASE have been paid since the 30th June, 1886:—

Gormally & Sinclair, professional services and printing, &c.	\$809 20
C. Robinson, Q.C., professional services opposing writ, &c.	1,000 00
Dalton McCarthy, counsel for prisoner at Ottawa	500 00
Total	<u>\$2,309 20</u>

VICTORIA, Sept. 17th, 1886.

The Attorney-General:—

Regina v. Sproule.

SIR,—I beg to enclose memo. of costs occasioned by opposing the application to discharge the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* herein and order of discharge.

As stated to you by the writer before leaving for Ottawa, the prisoner was wholly without means to oppose the application, and looked to the Government to provide funds for the purpose.

The balance, after allowing credit for \$500 already paid by order in favour of Mr. McCarthy, is \$900, which includes the cost of three counsel, the same force as engaged by the Government.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE.

In the matter of an application by the Attorney-General of British Columbia to discharge the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* and order for discharge of Robert E. Sproule.

Costs of Counsel opposing the application on behalf of the prisoner:—

24th Aug., 1886.

Paid return ticket to Ottawa, including sleeper	\$150 00
Sustenance allowance to 12th September, inclusive, 20 days @ say \$5 per day	100 00
Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., his fee	500 00
Theodore Davie, fee.....	400 00
Messrs. McIntyre, Lewis & Code, agency charges and McIntyre's counsel fee	250 00
Total	\$1,400 00
Cr. by order in favour of D. McCarthy, Esq., Q.C.....	500 00
Balance	\$900 00

Balance, overdraft Bank of British Columbia Account Current, 19th Feb., 1887, \$213,737.81