

SECOND REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 12th, 1878.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee of Public Accounts have the honour to make this their Second Report.

We append a statement of the Auditor (Approximate), of Expenditure during the year 1877, of (1) arrears of 1876; (2) in excess of Vote; (3) without Vote. (Appendix E.)

We report that the cost and liabilities of the Indian Commission, from 1st January, 1877, to date (2nd March, 1878), are—

Expenditure (as far as brought in).....	\$7,935 00
Outstanding accounts (approximate).....	3,760 00
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	\$11,695 00

J. A. MARA,
Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Return (Approximate) of Expenditure during the year 1877, for (1) Arrears of 1876; (2) in excess of Vote; (3) without Vote.

SERVICE.	Arrears.		Over Vote.		No Vote.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
SALARIES.						
Inspector of Mines (under Sec. 38 of Coal Mines Regulation Act)						720 00
Toll Collector, Cassiar.....	250	00				
LEGISLATION.						
Registration of Voters	255	00				
Expenses of Elections.....	180	00				
ASSAY OFFICE.						
Chemicals and fuel	84	50				
Freight.....	118	95				
PRINTING OFFICE.						
Printing material (paper)	4	50	306	14		
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.						
Summoning, &c., Jurors and Witnesses.....				79	66	
Prosecution and Interpreters' fees.....	10	00	1,327	25		
Expenses of Inquests	66	00		115	25	
Fees to Justices of the Peace.....	25	25		199	90	
POLICE AND GAOLS.						
Keep of Prisoners	838	48	5,984	63		
Special Constables.....	1,192	00	1,785	25		
Transport of Prisoners, &c	68	50				
REVENUE SERVICES.						
Collection of Revenue.....	639	91	902	33		
LUNATIC ASYLUM.						
Provisions, &c.....	7	50				
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.						
Hospital, Victoria	354	24				
EDUCATION.						
In aid of District Schools. (\$1,100 39 of this amount has been repaid to the Treasury as "Sale of School Books")				1,129	63	
TRANSPORT.						
Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty	90	00				
INTEREST.						
Interest on Loans.....				3,657	38	

SERVICE.	Arrears.		Over Vote.		No Vote.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>						
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Advertising	18	00				
Destruction of Wolves and Panthers.....			85	00		
Library, Legislative and Departmental	24	32				
Fuel and light	45	50				
Postage	38	32	238	74		
Refunds (Road Tax).....	1,131	87				
Stationery.....	19	25				
Not detailed	94	36	963	44		
Consolidation, &c., of Statutes.....			599	09		
Temporary assistance in offices.....			321	74		
Expenses of search <i>re</i> "George S. Wright"					224	50
Funeral of the late Sir James Douglas, K. C. B.					1,298	80
Sustenance allowance to Gold Commissioner, Cassiar	350	00			400	00
Expenses incurred under "Quartz Act, 1877"					2,001	78
Expenses (in London) of Loan, 1877.....					2,703	68
MUNICIPALITIES.						
Maple Ridge	500	00				
Chilliwack	750	00				
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.						
Approach to Public School, Victoria					975	00
Improving Government Reserve, James' Bay			1,119	61		
Furniture, Government Offices			759	87		
Government House, Victoria.....	399	21				
Addition to Government House grounds					3,525	00
Repairs to Government Buildings, Nanaimo.....			105	23		
Extension of Nanaimo Gaol.....			897	00		
Lunatic Asylum, New Westminster.....			3,700	00		
Repairs to Government Buildings, Clinton					53	50
Court House, Clinton			337	00		
Repairs to Government Buildings, Cariboo.....					197	76
Do. do. Kootenay					3	00
Government Buildings, Cassiar	40	80	153	85		
SURVEYS.						
Surveys			11,572	45		
ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.						
Victoria District.....	40	04	5,055	76		
Esquimalt do.			1,931	37		
Cowichan do.	5	00	1,631	00		
Nanaimo do.	5	00	1,712	00		
Comox do.	50	62	1,747	00		
New Westminster District			5,244	20		
Trunk Road to Cariboo	707	25	9,480	00		
Yale District.....	555	20				
Lillooet District.....	882	35	4,355	00		
Cariboo do.	2,185	70	4,150	00		
Cassiar do.			781	13		

MEMORANDUM.—The large excess of Expenditure over vote for "Keep of Prisoners" during 1877, was caused partly by the unexpected detention of prisoners in the various Provincial Gaols, caused by their non-removal to the Penitentiary (for which a larger sum than was estimated has been received from the Dominion Government, and has been credited to "Reimbursements in Aid"), and partly by the occurrence of several cases, in remote districts, incurring an abnormal amount of expenditure.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

ROYAL HOSPITAL AND THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee appointed by this House to visit the Royal Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, beg to report as follows:—

On Friday, the 15th, the Committee visited the Royal Hospital, and were much pleased with the state of the institution.

No complaints were made by the patients; on the contrary, everyone appeared contented and happy.

The place appeared to be kept in excellent order.

The Committee recommend that the present Lunatic Asylum, when vacated, should be converted into a hospital for incurable patients.

Last year the Committee appointed to visit this hospital recommended "the necessity of having a new ward erected for the exclusive use of patients suffering from such communicable diseases as typhoid fever, erysipelas, diphtheria, &c."

The Committee further recommend that a certain portion of the Royal Hospital should be set apart for females, as there is no accommodation at present for such patients.

The Committee visited the Lunatic Asylum on Tuesday the 19th. The approach from the main road is in a deplorable state.

The Committee feel satisfied that this establishment is in much better condition and order than it appeared to be in last year, and the patients in better health.

The number of inmates in the Asylum is thirty-seven, namely, thirty-two males and five females.

J. W. DOUGLAS,

February 25th, 1878

Chairman.
