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FIRST REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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*Mr. Speaker :*

Your Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to submit their first report :—

1. Items in detail of “Miscellaneous Receipts,” from 1st July, 1886, to 31st December, 1887.
2. Items in detail of “Sale of Government Property,” from 1st July, 1886, to 31st December, 1887.
3. Statement of sums due on 31st December, 1887, not brought to account at the Treasury at that date.
4. Copy of Report of the Committee of the Executive Council, with reference to the payment of \$37,500 as a bonus to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for building the branch line to New Westminster.

Your Committee report that : With regard to the sum of \$37,500 paid as a bonus as above, they find that the appropriation was made by the Legislature on 1st April, 1886, under the following conditions : That no Chinese were to be employed, either directly or indirectly, in or about or concerning the work, in any manner whatever ; and that in the event of any violation of this agreement, the Government should not be liable or responsible in any way for the payment of the sum, or of any portion thereof ; and, further, that no portion of the sum of \$37,500 was to be paid by the Government until the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works reported in writing to the Executive Council that this condition had been fully and faithfully complied with, and the said branch line properly constructed and in running order.

That a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, which was approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on 21st April, 1886, recommended that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company be paid the sum named, upon the completion by the Company of a branch railway connecting the City of New Westminster with the Canadian Pacific Railway, as provided in clause 13 of an agreement made the 23rd day of February, 1885, between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and that the Company should be informed that the Government had undertaken to pay such sum in accordance with the said agreement.

That the sum of \$37,500 was paid on the 30th June, 1887, under authority of a warrant approved on the 29th June, 1887.

Your Committee find that in consequence of the refusal of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to proceed with the construction of the said branch railway (which refusal was based on the condition contained in the resolution of April 1st, 1886, viz., that no Chinese should be employed thereon), the Government, which had, previously to the passing of the said resolution, under the instruction of this House, entered into an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the building of the said branch, in order to secure its construction under that agreement ignored the condition of the resolution of April 1st, 1886.

SIMEON DUCK,  
*Chairman.*

ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1887.

SUNDRY SOURCES.

Doctors' and Notaries' fees .....	\$ 162 50
Fee for liquor licence bond .....	2 50
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
Gain on gold dust .....	4 25
Refund by E. Hussey of amount alleged to have been paid to special constable at Lytton, same having been previously paid by voucher .....	60 00
Fees for Private Bills, Legislative Assembly .....	1,115 00
Refund by Corporation of Victoria for insurance of old Asylum .....	50 00
Refund by San Francisco Bridge Company for repairs on Thompson River Bridge on their guarantee .....	751 87
Refund from Trustees of Lorne Estate, for expenses incurred in survey in establishing proof of reclamation .....	116 50
NANAIMO.	
Cattle brand fees .....	2 00
ALBERNI.	
Refund of over-payment by J. C. Mollett on road work voucher .....	10 00
NEW WESTMINSTER CITY.	
Fees for registration of mechanics' liens .....	27 00
NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.	
Cattle brand fees .....	6 00
YALE AND LYTTON.	
Refund by C. P. R. on railway tickets .....	2 00
Refund by Collector Wise for telegrams charged in Government account in case of Wise v. Tuttle .....	3 60
Cattle brand fees .....	1 75
Subscription paid to Superintendent Starrett by residents for improving trails ..	42 50
Received from steamer "Adelaide" for coal sacks returned .....	3 50
KAMLOOPS.	
Fees collected by Wm. Dodd, Government Agent, for drawing two bills of sale ..	4 00
Refund by C. P. R. on railway tickets .....	5 50
CLINTON.	
Adjustment of road tolls collected after expiry of the Statute .....	15 80
Cattle brand fees .....	8 00
	\$2,404 27

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ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, for the Six Months ended December 31st, 1887.

SUNDRY SOURCES.

Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Co.—Forfeit of deposit ..	\$25,000 00
Accrued interest on above-mentioned deposit .....	2,972 60
Doctors' and Notaries' fees .....	95 00
Fee for copying record in Lands and Works Office .....	5 25
Money of prisoners escaped from Okanagan Gaol—forfeited .....	45 00
NANAIMO.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	1 50
Do. coal mine manager's examination .....	20 00
Money taken from body of man buried by Government, at Nanaimo .....	5 00
Refund by "Quamlet's" counsel .....	75
NEW WESTMINSTER CITY.	
Registration of mechanics' liens .....	2 00
NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	1 50
YALE AND LYTTON.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	25
LILLOOET.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	1 50
KOOTENAY.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	1 50
CARIBOO.	
Fees for cattle brand records .....	25
	\$28,152 10

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ITEMS IN DETAIL, as brought to account under the head of SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1887.

SUNDRY SOURCES.

Printing Office, Victoria, old type .....	\$207 65
Received from Supt. Roycraft, for sale of prison clothing .....	26 50
NEW WESTMINSTER.	
Vitrified drain pipe .....	112 70
KAMLOOPS.	
One horse .....	25 00
CLINTON.	
Old shovels .....	5 50
KOOTENAY.	
One stove .....	10 00
	\$387 35

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SUNDRY SOURCES.	
Printing Office, Victoria, old type .....	\$ 22 35
NEW WESTMINSTER CITY.	
Old gaol building .....	36 00
KAMLOOPS.	
Horse, \$30 ; waggon, \$60 .....	90 00
LILLOOET.	
Rope .....	12 00
	\$160 35

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STATEMENT of sums due on 31st December, 1887, under the following HEADS OF SERVICE, not brought to account at Treasury to that date.

II.—Civil Government (Salaries) .....	\$ 1,318 80
III.—Administration of Justice (Salaries) .....	3,030 24
V.—Public Institutions (Maintenance) .....	1,272 60
VI.—Hospitals and Charities .....	1,708 36
VII.—Administration of Justice (other than Salaries)—approximate .....	4,035 00
VIII.—Education .....	1,205 00
XII.—Public Works:—	
Works and Buildings (approximate) .....	235 32
Roads, Streets, and Bridges (approximate) .....	14,528 83
Surveys (approximate) .....	1,081 20
XIII.—Miscellaneous (approximate) .....	386 00
	\$28,801 35

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NOTE.—The items comprising the amount of \$14,528.83, Roads, Streets, and Bridges, occur principally in New Westminster and Kootenay Districts, and the apparently large sum unpaid arises from the fact that the December account from New Westminster had not been received at Treasury in time to include either the Revenue or Expenditure for that month in the published six months' returns to 31st December, 1887.

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*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 21st day of April, 1886.*

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The Committee of Council recommend that there be paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company the sum of \$37,500 (thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars) out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province, upon the completion by the Company of a branch line of railway connecting the City of New Westminster with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, as provided in clause 13 of an agreement made the 23rd day of February, A.D. 1885, between Her Majesty Queen Victoria, represented by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province of British Columbia of the one part, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the other part, and that the Company be informed that the Government has undertaken to pay such sum, in accordance with said agreement.

Certified,

(Signed) T. ELWYN,  
*Deputy Clerk Executive Council.*

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