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# MINORITY REPORT

OF THE

## SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly :*

SIR,—We, the undersigned members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, beg leave to make the following report:

1. That the expenditure over revenue during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1883, has been \$40,892.51, exclusive of payments during the same period on account of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt of \$131,527.24, less receipts on Graving Dock account of \$4,125.98.

2. That the overdraft at Bank, 30th June, 1883, as per Treasury books, was \$171,689.76.

3. That the overdraft at Bank, 30th June, 1883, as per Bank books for cheques paid to that date, was \$146,382.80.

4. That bonds issued under the "Loan Act, 1881," amounting to \$12,500.00, are omitted from the comparative statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1883, and we beg to recommend its correction before being bound in the Sessional Papers.

5. That the statements of accounts presented to the Legislature on the 21st inst., by the Honourable Minister of Finance, showing the appropriations for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1884; abstract of the expenditure brought to account at the Treasury for the five months ended 30th November, 1883; the revenue collected and brought to account at the Treasury from 1st July to 30th November, 1883, and the Treasurer's account for the same period; although very useful in connection with the regular form of the public accounts, are, in the absence of the customary detailed statements of expenditure and other statements, of little practical assistance to your Committee in examining into the payments during the period, and we recommend that in future the ordinary course be adhered to, and the public accounts be printed for the information of members, with the balance sheet, financial statement, abstracts and detailed account of expenditure, as in former years.

6. That liabilities incurred on public works to 30th November, 1883, vouchers for same not having been presented for payment to that date (approximately), \$18,126.89.

7. That the expenditure on the Graving Dock from 1st July to 30th November, 1883, has been \$2,049.37.

8. That the travelling expenses of Edward Kelly, from Victoria to Kootenay, July, 1883, was \$115.90.

9. That the largest overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia since 1st July last, was on 6th October, 1883, viz.: \$90,814.96, the Treasury books showing an overdraft on same day of \$95,554.66.

JOHN GRANT,  
ROBERT BEAVEN,

5th February, 1884.