

# THIRD REPORT

OF THE

## SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Your Committee have the honour to make a further Report.

They append a statement of the Revenue and Expenditure (approximate) of the year 1877.

They append a detail of the expenditure of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for travelling expenses during the year 1877.

They call attention to the charge, small in itself, but the payment of which involves a principle, detailed on the voucher No. 1791, a copy of which is annexed.

They also append a statement of the amount of Revenue collected as Property and Income Tax in the Okanagan District, and the cost of collection.

22nd March, 1878

(Signed)

J. A. MARA,  
Chairman.

### APPENDIX F.

#### REVENUE 1877 (APPROXIMATE).

Dominion Subsidy .....		\$ 208,093 56
Local Revenue:—		
Land Sales.....	\$ 21,099 29	
Land Revenue .....	5,485 95	
Rents (exclusive of Land) .....	217 50	
Free Miners' Certificates.....	10,062 50	
Mining Receipts, general .....	6,908 00	
Licences .....	26,866 50	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court .....	11,466 85	
Fees of Office.....	4,319 53	
Sale of Government Property .....	531 06	
Reimbursements in aid of expenses .....	9,731 64	
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	71 50	
Road Tax.....	407 25	
Marriage Licences .....	530 00	
Wild Land Tax.....	7,229 40	
Road Tolls.....	29,070 72	
Arrears of Real Estate Tax (late V. I.) .....	216 45	
School Tax.....	20,148 00	
Real Property Tax .....	25,697 44	
Personal Property Tax.....	12,755 61	
Income Tax .....	1,467 95	
Interest.....	4,518 14	
		198,801 33
Total Revenue.....		\$ 406,894 89

## EXPENDITURE 1877 (APPROXIMATE).

Salaries, fixed.....	\$ 95,000 00
Legislation .....	15,632 97
Assay Office.....	532 00
Printing Office .....	2,447 00
Administration of Justice .....	8,026 00
Police and Gaols.....	25,123 00
Revenue services.....	9,192 00
Lunatic Asylum.....	9,289 00
Charitable allowances.....	15,340 00
Education .....	47,129 63
Surveys .....	19,572 45
Rent .....	244 00
Transport.....	3,256 00
Immigration (to be refunded).....	1,990 00
Interest .....	40,657 38
Works and Buildings .....	39,805 38
Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....	205,481 29
Miscellaneous services .....	46,469 04
Municipalities.....	7,750 00
Graving Dock.....	38,515 09
Total.....	\$ 631,452 23

## APPENDIX G.

## Memorandum of travelling expenses and allowances paid to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for 1877.

Paid May 1, 1877, 4 days' allowance, adjusting Indian Reserves, Chemainus .....	\$ 20 00
" " " Carriage hire.....	5 00
" Dec. 3, 1877, 55 days' allowance, inspecting roads, to and from Cariboo and Kamloops...	275 00
" " " Fare, Victoria to New Westminster.....	3 00
" " " Fare, New Westminster to Yale.....	5 00
" Dec. 28, 1877, Copy Voucher attached.....	746 93
" 31, " Fare, Yale to Victoria .....	8 00
Total.....	\$ 1,062 93

## PARTICULARS OF VOUCHER NO. 2,709.

Nov. 15, 1877, use of horses, buggy, and driver by Mr. Vernon, 29th September to 15th November, 48 days @ \$15 00.....	\$ 720 00
" " " Mr. Vernon's fare, Steamer "Victoria," 14th October.....	5 00
Nov. 24, 1877, passage, Mr. Vernon, Spence's Bridge to Yale.....	15 00
" " " freight, 77 lbs. " " @ 9 cts. $\frac{7}{8}$ lb.....	6 93
Total.....	\$ 746 93
Yale roads.....	\$ 500 00
Lillooet roads .....	96 93
Cariboo roads .....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 746 93

(Signed)  
Certified Correct, F. GEO. VERNON.

## PARTICULARS OF VOUCHER NO. 1,791.

Oct. 13, 1877, conveyance of Judge Crease to Dean's farm to view and inspect the subject matter in dispute under Drainage and Dyking Act, with the Registrar of the Court.....	\$ 4 00
Deans vs. Baker.	(Signed)
	Certified Correct, HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE.

## APPENDIX H.

MEMORANDUM.—Amount of Property and Income Tax collected in Okanagan for 1877 was \$441 47; cost of collection was \$115 36, which was paid to C. A. Vernon.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the statement made in this House by the Honourable the junior member for Cariboo, Mr. Evans, that "a road ten miles in length had been constructed for the benefit of one gentleman in Yale District, whose name could be given if a Committee of enquiry was appointed:" and that he further stated, in his place in this House on the 13th instant, that "the gentleman referred to was the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works," that "his informant was the Rev. Mr. Turner," and that "the fact was patent to every one in the Upper Country;" beg to report as follows:—

That the road in question is a part of the road to the Cherry Creek mines.

That a number of settlers have been benefitted by its construction.

That the length of road made does not exceed two and one half (2½) miles.

That the work was done by contract at a cost of \$550.

That the survey of the road and estimate of cost of construction were ordered by Mr. Beaven in August, 1875.

Your Committee request that the annexed letter of instructions from Mr. Beaven to Mr. Jane, the statement made by Mr. Evans to the Committee, and the letter from the Rev. Mr. Turner to Mr. Mara, be published. Mr. Evans also requests that the annexed copy of a letter sent by him to Rev. Mr. Turner be published with this Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MARA,  
*Chairman.*

14th March, 1878.

Committee met at 10:30 a. m. Present—Messrs. Mara, Morrison, Evans, Douglas, and Cowan.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Mr. Mara act as chairman. Carried.

Mr. Evans made the following statement:—

On my way up, after last session, I met Rev. Mr. Turner at Cache Creek. Having heard so many times of a piece of road having been made for Messrs. Vernon to the extent of about ten miles, I entered into conversation with Mr. Turner about the same, and told him what I had heard. He said it was quite true. I then asked him if he knew this to be the fact from his own knowledge, and not from hearsay. He said he was perfectly acquainted with the place, and it was perfectly true. I asked him again if the road passed no settlers. He said none that another road was not convenient for.

Letters produced from Lands and Works Department, showing the said road was ordered to be built in 1875. Letter read from Rev. Mr. Turner.

Mr. Evans further states—That I introduced the subject of the road, and not Mr. Turner, as I have already stated, and I deny the correctness of Mr. Turner in his letter, and I demand his presence face to face. And further, that I did not give the name till called for in the House.

*The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Mr. John Jane, C.E., Kamloops.*

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
Victoria, August 12th, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to instruct you to survey a line of road from Okanagan (the valley on which the Messrs. Vernon reside) to connect with the main road from Kamloops to the Mission.