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YEAR OF FINANCIAL JUBILEE.

The Territories Have a Greatly Increased Revenue for 1898.

Details of the Supplementary Estimates—Brief Summary of Mr. Haultain's Budget Statement, and an Indication of the Trend of the Debate—There is Need for all of the Increased Revenue, and the Future, When Only the Ordinary Revenue Can be Expected, is a Subject for Serious Consideration.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1898.

The Supplementary Estimates asked to be voted to complete the public service to 31st Dec., 1898, amounted to a total of \$163,925.24.

Under head of Civil Government there were new items of \$750 for 6 months salary of H. A. Robson, law clerk, and of \$600 for 6 months salary of C. W. Peterson of the Agriculture Dept. Also miscellaneous expenses,—printing Gazette, extra clerical assistance and general printing—\$4,975.

Under Legislation : Expenses of session—indemnities, printing, etc., and including \$25,000 for expenses of general election.

Under Public Works : Stable supplies, \$50 ; maintenance of roads, fuel, etc., \$1250 ; Normal school fuel, etc., \$100 ; inspection of coal mines, \$100 ; miscellaneous, including cost of 10,000 maps of Territories, cost of inspection of steam boilers, etc., \$2,891 ; construction of bridges, \$14,420 ; culverts, \$1000 ; repairs to public works, \$4,055 ; surveys, \$2,800 ; dams and reservoirs, \$4,775 ; for ferry accommodation, \$2,525 ; fireguards, \$400 ; tools and implements, \$1,235 ; roads, \$29,085. The latter item includes \$12,500 for cost of opening road from Edmonton to Peace River, from Peace River to Nelson River, and from Prince Albert to Green Lake.

Under Education : Stable supplies, \$50 ; maintenance of roads, fuel, etc., \$1250 ; Normal school fuel, etc., \$100 ; inspection of coal mines, \$100 ; miscellaneous, including cost of 10,000 maps of Territories, cost of inspection of steam boilers, etc., \$2,891 ; construction of bridges, \$14,420 ; culverts, \$1000 ; repairs to public works, \$4,055 ; surveys, \$2,800 ; dams and reservoirs, \$4,775 ; for ferry accommodation, \$2,525 ; fireguards, \$400 ; tools and implements, \$1,235 ; roads, \$29,085. The latter item includes \$12,500 for cost of opening road from Edmonton to Peace River, from Peace River to Nelson River, and from Prince Albert to Green Lake.

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Under Agriculture and Statistics :—Aid to Societies, \$4,000 ; to promote and encourage the importation of thoroughbred stock, \$2,000 ; to initiate experimental agricultural work, \$2,500 ; to publish and distribute agricultural and other information relating to the Territories, \$500 ; other items aggregating nearly \$1,000.

Hospitals, etc : Further grant to hospitals, \$1,000 ; to defray expenditure incurred in maintaining public health, \$1,200.

Yukon : To cover special warrant for salaries and expenses connected with the administration of Territorial affairs, \$6,000.

An item of \$750 to pay proportion of expenses of Imperial Institute allotted to the Territories.

Under heading of Miscellaneous items aggregating \$553, there is included \$375 to defray a portion of expenses incurred by certain communities in the reception and entertainment of two parties of members of American Press Associations.

TUESDAY, Sept. 13, 1898.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Mr. Haultain at once moved that the House resolve its fit to Committee of Supply and began his annual statement,—usually termed the Budget statement. Mr. Haultain spoke for a little more than three hours, making a very thorough and comprehensive exposition of the Territorial position. The debate was continued until 12:30 o'clock at night, when the motion carried without division and the house resolved into Committee of Supply.

THE LEADER can this week give only the barest outline of the trend of the debate, but endeavor will be made in later issues to make more extended report.

Mr. Haultain was followed by Mr. Mowat, Dr. Brett being absent until the evening sitting. Mr. Mowat spoke in a critical vein and spoke fairly well. Then followed Messrs. Maloney, Tims, Agnew, Eakin, Patrick, Meyers and Macdonald, all of whom in a general way commanded the course of the Government, while certain of them critiqued some particulars in point of detail. Mr. Ross spoke in the evening, occupying about two hours and making an able statement of public works and agricultural affairs. Dr. Brett spoke very briefly, as did also Messrs. Mitchell, Bannerman, and Boucher, and Mr. Haultain concluded the debate with a very few remarks about half an hour after midnight.

Mr. Haultain reminded the House that last year the financial year of the Territories was changed to make it coterminous with the calendar year, one of the chief reasons being to enable the Public Works Department to take advantage of the most suitable season for carrying out the works for which votes are passed. When Supply was voted last year, the Government had indicated that some \$40,000 of the amount they were estimated as the revenue for the year, was not included in the Estimates at that session, and would be voted as

Supplementary Estimates. This year, the \$40,000 they calculated to provide for the expenses of the 1898 session—indemnities, printing, etc., etc., to provide for the expense of the general election to be held this year, and also the grants to agricultural societies. Thus last year they expected to vote this year \$10,000 in Supplementary Estimates. The

Estimates now presented were far in excess of that amount. They were asking the House to vote a total of \$163,925.24 at this time. This difference in what they were asking from what they had last year expected to ask Mr. Haultain proceeded to explain. First the revenue had been unexpectedly and very largely increased, which circumstance enabled them to ask the larger vota. Last year it was calculated that the total revenue available from 1st Sept., 1897, to 31st August, 1898, would amount to about \$412,000. The actual revenue in the period was \$542,772.11. Last year the amount of \$32,510.82 was appropriated, leaving as then calculated a balance of \$40,000 to be voted at this session, as he had said, for this year's sessional expenses, elections and agricultural societies. The actual difference between the amount appropri-

ated last year and the revenue was \$170,261.29. So that when they voted the \$163,925.25 asked for in these Supplementary Estimates there would still be a balance of about \$6,000 remaining to the credit of this year's revenue, which amount would be swelled by various small items to come in, and this would not include some \$28,000 collected by Mr. Bulyea at Dawson City. While they were asking for an extraordinary amount comparatively in these supplementaries there were not en-trenching a single dollar on any amount

which would more properly belong to the next Legislature, but were leaving a considerable balance to go to swell next year's revenue. It would have been the ordinary course for this House to vote also for the Supply for the succeeding year, and while there had been considerable temptation to follow the usual practice, and ask the House to vote Estimates for 1899, yet Mr. Haultain decided as this House would cease to exist before the beginning of 1899, the privilege of voting the Supply for that year should more properly be left to the new Legislature as the new year would come rightly within its work and jurisdiction. Accordingly the new House would be called to meet as early in the new year as possible. For the very large increase in this year's revenue of course the Yukon wholesale liquor permits were largely responsible. From that source alone the revenue was \$122,000. Then from the enrolment of advocates—chiefly from the Yukon source again—the revenue had increased \$2,500 above the ordinary receipts. Fees from notaries appointed there amounted to \$20. But the increase was not wholly from the Yukon. Strictly local revenue had also taken an unexpected jump. Last year the revenues from local sources were estimated at \$30,000 ; they had actually exceeded that amount by between \$10,000 and \$12,000. If they had a larger revenue, they found no lack of needs for all the increase. The work of the government offices had within the year increased entirely beyond what could have been expected,—not particularly by reason of any new policy, although certain of the legislation passed last year had led to increased office work, but largely through natural development. He could say that the ordinary work of the offices—letting along the work arising from the Braden registration system—had increased within the year fully 40 or 50 per cent. The organization of a regular government, with definitely known heads of departments, partly led to the increase. The appointment of an Attorney General for the Territories had given all the magistrates and other individuals who were also advancing themselves—an official to whom they could write upon any matters concerning the cases coming before them. The correspondence of the d-partments had been growing enormously, and for the civil service they found necessity for asking an additional vote. His stand had been that when it was found that the staff could not cope with the work, he preferred to engage assistance and depend upon the House to sustain the action rather than bear the onus of complaints which would surely be heard if the public business suffered. Two notable items which the House was asked to vote were for salaries of two new officials who, although not yet under the title, were intended to be responsible for the work arising from the Braden registration system. 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