

III. ASSETS.—The assets of the Dominion at June 30th, 1868, are set down in the Public Accounts at \$93,518,129.12, or only \$916,314.62 less than the liabilities. The principal items are:—

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| Sinking Fund and investments for Consolidated Fund..... | \$ 3,325,945 91 |
| Public Works.....                                       | 39,291,874 08   |
| Miscellaneous accounts .....                            | 47,619,616 40   |
| Banking accounts and cash.....                          | 3,280,692 73    |
|   | \$93,518,129 12 |

The first of these accounts needs but little explanation. The Sinking Funds proper—about two millions and a quarter—stands in the names of the financial agents in England, who purchase the requisite securities—our own 5 per cents.—as they offer, and, if they happen to be debentures, convert them into inscribed stock, so as to be free from the risks of loss. The principal Public Works are enumerated in a former part of this article. Those there mentioned cost \$27,575,865. Then we have the Desjardins Canal set down for \$120,263.93; the Chambly Canal and Richelieu River improvements for \$433,807.83; the deepening of Lake St. Peter, \$1,164,235.08; the improvement of the Trent, \$558,506.20; Harbors and Lighthouses, \$2,658,748.59; the Government Buildings at Ottawa, \$2,765,683; Custom-houses and Post-offices, \$222,531.49; Roads and Bridges in Ontario, \$532,001.20; and in Quebec, \$1,163,829.34. The rest consists of a number of smaller items.

The Miscellaneous Accounts, the largest of the whole, are, to a great extent, fictitious. They include, among other items, \$11,366,016.01, as interest on the advances made for building the Grand Trunk Railway, which will certainly never be recovered, even if the \$15,142,633.34 of principal should ever become of any value, which is most unlikely, as it is, by Act of Parliament, postponed to all other claims on the Company. It is probable that the accounts of another year will see much of this "Miscellaneous" load carried to "Consolidated Fund—i. e., Profit and Loss.

IV. LIABILITIES.—The liabilities of the Dominion at June 30th, 1868, were:—

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Debt to the public.....      | \$78,865,135 06 |
| Debt to Trust Funds.....     | 9,472,499 18    |
| Miscellaneous accounts ..... | 2,122,349 28    |
| Banking accounts .....       | 3,974,460 22    |
|                              | \$94,434,443 74 |

Perhaps it may be desirable to state the *net* debt, which is thus given in the Miscellaneous Statistics, and analyzed with reference to the interest it bears:—

PUBLIC DEBT PAYABLE IN LONDON:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bearing interest at 4 per cent..... | \$681,333 34    |
| Do. at 5 per cent.....              | 31,822,282 55   |
| Do. at 6 per cent.....              | 35,773,893 33   |
|                                     | \$67,277,509 27 |

PUBLIC DEBT PAYABLE IN CANADA:

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| Bearing interest at 5 per cent.....        | \$296,991 67    |
| Do. at 6 per cent.....                     | 3,453,982 02    |
| Do. at 7 per cent.....                     | 3,373,200 00    |
| Savings Banks, 4 and 5 per cent.....       | 1,688,126 31    |
| Provincial notes not bearing interest..... | 4,347,325 79    |
| Trust Funds bearing 5 per cent.....        | 4,294,840 61    |
| Do. bearing 6 per cent.....                | 5,048,220 60    |
|  | 22,430,707 00   |
|  | \$89,708,216 27 |

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| Less Sinking Funds .....               | \$2,243,822 24 |
| Investments.....                       | 1,082,123 67   |
| Balance of Cash and Bank Accounts..... | 1,806,232 51   |
|  | 5,132,178 42   |

Net Debt..... \$84,576,038 85

The operations which have taken place since June, 1868, have materially altered the figures respecting the debt. The Intercolonial Railway Loan has been paid into the Treasury, and the Insurance Companies deposits received; while the 7 per cents. have been paid off, never, it is to be hoped, again to appear in our balance sheet.