

and the next largest was in 1879, viz., \$1,937,999. In 1881, there was an increase of revenue over that of the preceding year, amounting to \$6,327,891, and it was the largest revenue that had then been raised. The largest ever raised in the Dominion, was that of 1883, it exceeded the revenue of 1881 just mentioned, by \$6,159,352, and the revenue of 1880 by \$12,487,243.

117. The table shows that there has been a total excess of revenue over expenditure during the last eighteen years of \$20,068,305.

118. It will be seen that with the exception of 1876 when it was higher than in the two years following, the expenditure increased every year, owing in large measure to the addition of new provinces and extension of territory, which, while increasing the revenue, also necessarily increased the expenditure. In 1868 it was \$13,486,092; in 1878 it was \$23,503,158, and in 1885 it was \$35,037,060, or deducting the war expenditure, \$33,339,209, being \$19,853,117 more than in 1868.

119. The revenue has fluctuated to a greater extent but has increased in somewhat larger proportion, it being in its largest year \$22,106,721 more than in 1868.

120. The ordinary revenue being derived, as stated, from either "taxation" or "other sources," the following is a detailed statement of the amounts received under various heads in each of those divisions for the years 1884 and 1885, showing the increase or decrease in each item :

HEADS OF REVENUE—CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Heads of Revenue.	Amounts Received.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1883-84.	1884-85.		
TAXATION.				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Customs.....	20,023,890	18,935,428	.....	1,088,462
Excise.....	5,459,309	6,449,101	989,792	.....
Total.....	25,483,199	25,384,529	.....	98,670
LAND REVENUE.				
Ordinance Lands.....	14,138	24,540	10,302	.....
PUBLIC WORKS.				
Canals.....	346,054	301,238	.....	44,816
do on account Hydraulic Rents.....	23,890	24,720	830	.....
Railways.....	2,521,170	2,624,243	103,073	.....
Slides and Booms.....	98,432	64,429	.....	34,003
Minor Public Works.....	21,709	6,703	.....	15,006
Hydraulic and other Rents.....	1,359	1,283	.....	76
Earnings of Dredges.....	9,822	3,359	.....	6,463
Telegraphs.....	33,352	39,526	6,174	.....
Harbour Improvements.....	855	315	.....	540
Total.....	3,056,647	3,065,818	9,171	.....