

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE—CONSOLIDATED FUND—*Concluded.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Amounts Expended.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1883-84.	1884-85.		
CHARGES ON REVENUE.				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Customs.....	798,837	791,537	.....	7,300
Excise.....	303,617	309,268	5,651	.....
Weights and Measures.....	62,551	65,349	2,798	.....
Gas Inspection.....	20,971	19,628	.....	1,343
Liquor License Act.....	3,840	2,230	.....	1,610
Inspection of Staples.....	706	847	141	.....
Adulteration of Food.....	11,754	14,948	3,194	.....
Post Office.....	2,312,965	2,488,315	175,350	.....
Public Works.....	180,688	180,360	.....	328
Railways.....	2,613,508	2,749,710	136,202	.....
Canals.....	508,594	518,511	9,917	.....
Dominion Lands.....	166,898	178,727	11,829	.....
Culling Timber.....	54,866	50,580	.....	4,286
Minor Revenues.....	2,824	2,587	.....	237
Total.....	7,042,626	7,372,603	329,977	.....
Total Expenditure on account of Consolidated Fund...	31,107,706	35,037,060	3,929,354	.....

123. Considerable increase is found in all the items under the head of charges for debt and subsidies, the increase in interest on public debt is largely met by increased interest on assets, the sinking fund being money laid aside for the redemption of the debt, any increase in that is practically a reduction of debt, though it is entered as an expenditure; the increase in the amount of the subsidies to Provinces was necessary under the provisions of the Act 47 Vic., cap. 4. The expenses of Legislation decreased \$13,229. There was a total increase in the cost of Civil Government of \$55,078, there being an increase in almost every Department, the largest was in the Post Office and was due to additional business consequent on extension of the service. The salary of the High Commissioner in London also made an increase of \$8,952. In the expenditure on public works generally there was a decrease of \$606,489, the largest reductions being on public buildings and harbours and rivers; the sums expended on railways and canals and penitentiaries were less by \$127,509 than those of 1884. Under the head of other expenditure there was an increase of over two millions, \$1,697,851 of which was spent over the troubles in the North-West, and owing to the increase in the force the expenditure for the North-West Mounted Police was larger by \$78,266. The charges on revenue were \$329,977 more than in 1884, the increase being almost entirely caused by additional expenditure for railways and the postal system.

124. The following table gives the total receipts and payments on all accounts for the years 1884 and 1885, with the respective increase or decrease under each head. The heads forming the Consolidated Fund in both tables have already been alluded to.