

Increase and decrease in expenditure.

202. The total increase in expenditure amounted to \$422,326, which may be accounted for by the increase in the expenses of legislation, due to the long session of 1891, and by the expenses of preparing the voters' lists under the Franchise Act. Setting aside the above items, which amounted to nearly \$600,000, and also the principal items of what may be called exceptional expenditure, viz. :—

Dairying interests of Canada.....	\$ 21,081
Dominion Dairy Exhibition, Sherbrooke.....	10,000
Jamaica Exhibition.....	8,191
World's Columbian Exposition.....	5,009
Haras National Co., Montreal.....	6,000
Census.....	269,939
SS. "Quadra".....	18,250
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	\$338,470

it will be seen that there was a decided decrease in ordinary expenditure, there having been a general reduction under the heads of Civil Government, Public Works and "other expenditure," amounting altogether to \$500,509. There was also a decrease of \$27,253 in charges on revenue, principally caused by a large reduction under the head of "Railways." There was, however, a still further increase in the proportion of the cost of collecting the revenue to the amount collected, the figures being 25·53 per cent as compared with 24·50 per cent and 23·03 per cent in the two preceding years. The increase in the expenditure on the postal service will probably account for this. The expenses of the Government of the North-west Territories are now included under "Civil Government."

Subsidies to provinces.

203. There was an increase of \$32,157 in the amount of subsidies paid to provinces, the details of which are as follow :—

Ontario.....	\$1,196,873
Quebec.....	959,253
Nova Scotia.....	432,819
New Brunswick.....	483,575
Manitoba.....	437,607
British Columbia.....	242,242
Prince Edward Island.....	183,545
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	\$3,935,914

Subsidies to rail-ways in 1892.

204. There was a decrease of \$17,490 in the amount of subsidies, authorized by Parliament, paid to railways, as compared with 1891, the amounts paid being as follow :—