

for railways, \$14,748, was more than counterbalanced by an increased expenditure of \$32,654 for canals and miscellaneous: in "Other Expenditure," in which mail subventions show an increase of \$140,732, and Militia and Defence of \$153,438, these two items making up nearly the total net increase: in "Immigration and Quarantine," in which the increase is \$24,943, \$21,871 of that amount being for quarantine services. The expenditures were decreased in "Legislation" and in "Charges on Revenue," the net decrease under the first-mentioned being, in eight of the nine items, \$408,639, of which \$196,134 was decreased expenditure in House of Commons. Under the second-mentioned head, the decreases were chiefly in railways and public works, post office showing an increase of \$104,083.

1201. The cost of collecting the revenue was, in 1893, less in proportion to the amount collected than in the previous year, being 23.5 per cent, as compared with 25.5 per cent in 1892, and 24.5 per cent in 1891.

1202. The accounts of payments of subsidies to provinces show a slight decrease. The details are as under:—

	Amount paid.
Ontario.....	\$1,196,873
Quebec.....	959,253
Nova Scotia.....	432,816
New Brunswick.....	483,564
Manitoba.....	437,594
British Columbia . . .	242,241
Prince Edward Island.....	183,424
Total.....	<u>\$3,935,765</u>

1203. During the past year, several inquiries have been made respecting these subsidies and the assumed debts. The following statement is, therefore, given:—

Sections 111-120 of the British North America Act, 1867, deal with the financial arrangements between the Federal and the several Provincial Governments.

In consequence of the protest by Nova Scotia against the financial arrangement made for that province, an "Act relating to Nova Scotia" was passed. It is to be found in chap. 2, Acts of 1869.

In consequence of the creation of Manitoba and the admission of other provinces, other Acts were passed, as under:—

- (a) Manitoba Act, 1870, chap. 3 (consult sections 24 and 25).
- (b) British Columbia, Order in Council, page LXXXIV., Statutes Canada, 1872.
- (c) Prince Edward Island, Order in Council, page XIV., Acts of 1873.