FINANCE

3-5 record details of the revenue and expenditure on Consolidated Fund Account. Tables 6 and 7 show the total annual expenditure and receipts, including the expenditure and receipts on Consolidated Fund Account and extraneous items not credited or debited to that account.

Public Debt.—Tables 9-12 relate to the Public Debt, showing in Tables 9-11 the amounts at which the various items stood in each year from Confederation, and in Table 12 particulars of the loans forming part of the Funded Debt. On March 31, 1917, the net public debt was \$879,186,298, which on the basis of the estimated population of 8,361,000 in 1917 represents \$105 per head, an increase of \$62 per head as compared with 1914. As compared with 1914 the net public debt shows an increase of \$543,189,448, this increase being due to the war.

1.—Receipts and Expenditures on Consolidated Fund Account, 1914-1917.

RECEIPTS.

Items.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	
Customs. Excise Post Office Railways. Miscellaneous.	. 12,954,529.92	21,479,730.79 13,046,664.68 12,149,357.32	$\begin{bmatrix} 22,428,491.58 \\ 18,858,690.10 \end{bmatrix}$	24,412,348.06 20,902,384.46 23,539,758.61	
Totals.	163,174,394.56	133,073,481.73	172,147,838.27	232,601,294.00	

EXPENDITURE.

Charges on debt1.		14,752,117.46			37,770,650.72				
Provincial Subsidies.	,	11,280,468.67	11,451,673.28	11,451,673,28	11,469,148.48				
Civil Government.		5,607,794.95	6,157,966.62	6,408,856.63	6,466,358.63				
Public Works ²		19,007,512.63	19,343,532.35	12,039,252.06	8,633,095.80				
Defence		11,151,398.63	10,060,617.74	4,681,502.99	4,301,784.90				
Collection of Revenue.	٠	39,084,656.79			53,800,203.09				
Other items.	٠	26,500,523.86	28,339,179.53	23,940,698.73	26,158,101.61				
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Totals.		127,384,472.99	135,523,206.54	130,350,726.90	148,599,343.23				
Surplus		35,789,921.57	2,449,724.813	41,797,111.37	84,001,950.77				

¹Includes charges of management, interest, sinking funds and premium discount and exchange. ²Expenditure from Income. ³Deficit.

2.-Receipts on Consolidated Fund Account, 1868-1917.

Fiscal Year.	Receipts from Taxes.	Receipts from various sources.	Total receipts.	Surplus in year.	Deficit in year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1868.	11,700,681	1,987,247	13,687,928	201,835	-
1869.	11.112.573	3,266,602	14,379,175	341,091	
1870.	. 13,087,883	2,424,343	15,512,226	1,166,716	_
1871.	16,320,369	3,015,192	19,335,561	3,712,479	_
1872.	17,715,552	2,999,262	20,714,814	3,125,345	_
1873.	17,616,555	3,196,914	20,813,469	1,638,821	_
1874.	20,129,185	4,075,908	24,205,093	888,776	-
1875	20,664,879	3,983,836	24,648,715	935.644	<u> </u>