

| | 187-68 | 1868-69 | 1869-70 | 1870-71 | 1871-72 | 1872-73 |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Customs..... | 8,578,380 09 | 8,722,879 78 | 9,331,212 98 | 11,841,104 56 | 12,287,821 | 12,747,042 97 |
| Excise..... | 3,002,588 16 | 2,710,028 42 | 3,619,622 47 | 4,295,944 72 | 4,738,850 | 4,463,671 49 |
| Post Office including Ocean Postage and Money Orders..... | 5,569,691 80 | 535,315 14 | 573,565 84 | 612,630 67 | 652,879 | 832,198 50 |
| Public Works, including Railways..... | 901,466 41 | 918 952 80 | 1,006,841 67 | 1,146,240 25 | 1,110,981 | 1,229,983 17 |
| Post Stamps..... | 119,712 82 | 129,641 81 | 134,017 22 | 185,519 42 | 199,616 | 199,356 74 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 500,092 20 | 1,812,258 57 | 843,932 47 | 1,566,321 19 | 1,319,912 | 671,324 07 |
| Total..... | 3,687,928 49 | 11,379,174 52 | 15,512,226 65 | 19,335,500 81 | 20,300,133 | 23,133,576 96 |

The following statement shows the expenditure during the corresponding six years:—

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 1867-8..... | \$13,186,092 96 |
| 1868-9..... | 14,038,084 00 |
| 1869-0..... | 11,315,509 53 |
| 1870-1..... | 15,623,081 72 |
| 1871-2..... | 18,961,664 |
| 1872-3..... | 19,951,457 35 |

These figures show the following gross revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for six years since Confederation:—

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|------------------|------------------|
| Receipts..... | \$ 63,348,599 41 |
| Expenditure..... | 96,408,251 87 |

Surplus receipts for six years..... \$ 6,949,747 54

Or nearly seven millions dollars, and it is to be remarked that the expenditure during these years includes payment towards sinking fund and several items which were

formerly charged to capital account. During four of these years there was an expenditure on capital account out of income of \$8,104,027.53.

The total debt of the Dominion amounted in 1872 to..... \$122,400,179 33
The total assets to..... 4,213,107 32

Net debt..... 82,187,072 04

The average rate of interest is 5.41 per cent.

At the date of the last Dominion Census the net debt of the Dominion amounted to \$21.72 per head; and the interest to \$1.20 per head.

The really magnificent public works of Canada represent its public debt; and the interest represents the rent, the present generation pays for them. The country owes its present great development and wealth to these works, and the policy of Parliament is now greatly to extend them.

Canada Patent Office.

The Minister of Agriculture states in his report for 1872, the last laid before Parliament, that the Amendment Act of 1872 has led to a great increase of business of the office, in that it opened up to foreigners the privilege of taking out patents in Canada—

a privilege of which they have availed themselves.

The following statement shows the comparative business of the office for three years:—

| | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Applications for Patents..... | 626 | 279 | 762 |
| Patents granted..... | 556 | 512 | 670 |
| Caveats..... | 132 | 151 | 184 |
| Transfers Registered..... | 431 | 445 | 327 |
| Designs Registered..... | 21 | 22 | 17 |
| Trade Marks Registered..... | 72 | 106 | 103 |
| Copy Rights..... | 66 | 115 | 87 |
| Timber Marks..... | 190 | 105 | 64 |
| Assignments of Trade Marks..... | | | 11 |
| Fees received..... | \$ 14,510 07 | 14,097 00 | 19,578 65 |

FOREIGNERS MAY TAKE OUT PATENTS.

By the Act of 1872 V. 35, c. 26, any foreigners may take out patents in Canada, (residence being no longer made a condition of obtaining one). But all articles patented must be manufactured in Canada; and the articles patented must be one 'not known or used by others before his invention thereof, and not being in public or on sale for more than one year previous to his application in Canada, with the consent and

allowance of the inventor thereof." He cannot obtain it if he has taken a foreign patent more than twelve months before applying here; and if, during the twelve months, any one in Canada commences to manufacture the article, he may continue to do so irrespective of the patent. A patent for anything first patented abroad, expires here when it does in any foreign country.