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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND,
14th June, 1867.

SIR,

In reply to your communication of this date, respecting the Public Lands of this Colony, we beg to say, that the Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony of Prince Edward Island, furnished to you on the 5th June, instant, by us, and being from the 31st January, 1857, to the 31st January, 1867, exhibiting the debt of the Colony on the 31st January, 1867, as being £89,028 11s. 9d. British Sterling, embraces all sums of money expended by the Government in the purchase of Lands up to the latter date; and, also, includes all sums of money actually received from time to time at the Provincial Treasury, on account of Sales of Lands up to that period of time.

And, therefore, we submit, that all the Public Lands yet unsold, and all the balances still unpaid on Sales of Public Lands, are remaining assets of the Colony against the debt of the Colony on the 31st January, 1867, as stated in our Report of the 5th June, instant.

We have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servants,

THOS. DESBRISAY,
Auditor of Public Accounts.

A. MITCHELL, J. P.

To the Honorable Joseph Hensley, M. E. C., }
M. P. P., Attorney General, &c., &c., &c. }

(H).

Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Public Accounts, for the year ending 31st January, 1867.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts for the past year, having examined the same report as follows:

The Revenue received during the Financial year ended 31st January, 1867, amounts to *£95,442 17s. 1d. The Expenditure during the same period was †£154,845 14s. 8d, thereby shewing an excess of expenditure over Revenue of £58,902 17s. 7d which, added to the balance standing against the Colony on the 31st January, 1865, shews a debt due of £133,542 17s. 8d.

In this amount is included the sum of †£82,344 paid by the Government for 220,469 acres of Land purchased during the past year, from the sales of which land there is included in the Revenue the sum of £10,742 19s. 7d.

The above balance also includes all Treasury Notes, Warrants and Debentures, issued up to that date, as will more fully appear by a reference to the annexed tabular statement marked (A.) *In this statement, no credit has been given to the Colony for any balance due from the sale of Public Lands, [see (C) annexed], or for any estimated value of Lands remaining unsold [see (E) annexed].*

The Revenue for the past year shews an increase over that of the previous one of £27,401 13s. 2d.

The usual tables have been prepared by your Committee, and are appended (A) to (E) inclusive, and contain particulars of the revenue and expenditure of past years, and other information.

The receipts for and on account of Public and Crown Lands during the year, amount to £16,148 10s. 6d. The expenses during the same period, including estimated loss of Land tax and interest, amount to £5862 5s. 3d, shewing a surplus of £10,286 5s. 3d. over and above expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SINCLAIR, Chairman.
L. C. OWEN,
PETER SINCLAIR,
F. KELLY,
HERBERT BELL,
SAMUEL PROWSE.

* £95,442 17s. 1d. sterling.
† £54,896 0s. 0d. sterling.
‡ £102,888 1s. 3d. sterling.

Sterling.
£10,432 7s. 0d.
£6,857 10s. 2d.

TABLE (A.)

The Government of Prince Edward Island.

1866.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1867.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 31. To balance at date 1867.		74,640	0	1½	Jan. 31. By receipts at the Treasury during the past year	95,442	17	1	
Jan. 31. Expenditure during the year ending at date		154,332	1	10	By balance				133,542 17 8½
Errors in Warrants of expenditure to be added		13	12	10					
	Currency,	£228,985	14	9¼					£228,985 14 9¼
1867.									
Jan. 31. To balance against the Colony		£133,542	17	8½					
	Sterling,	£89,028	11	9					