

Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges,	£2783	18	6		
ditto for other services,	16903	9	4		
interest due 31st December, 1857,	11294	0	0		
				30981	7 10
				150313	4 9
Deduct ordinary and legislative appropriations, viz. :					
Salaries of lieut. governor and public officers,	15170	0	0		
Legislative expenses,	10000	0	0		
Revenue department at Halifax,	6000	0	0		
Salaries of outpost collectors and commissioners,	4000	0	0		
General education,	21000	0	0		
Interest on funded debt,	4240	0	0		
Do. to be provided for railway bonds,	45000	0	0		
Support of light houses,	8000	0	0		
Do. Sable Island,	400	0	0		
Provincial penitentiary, £1000 ; public build- ings, £800,	1800	0	0		
Rations to troops,	50	0	0		
Poor asylum,	2050	0	0		
Transient paupers,	250	0	0		
Halifax dispensary ; Indians,	400	0	0		
Post communication,	6000	0	0		
Packets and ferries,	1300	0	0		
Road compensation, £500 ; casualties, £1000,	1500	0	0		
Drawbacks,	3500	0	0		
Board of works,	15650	0	0		
Miscellaneous,	4000	0	0		
Agriculture,	nil.				
Militia,	nil.				
Navigation securities,	nil.				
River fisheries,	nil.				
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JOHN J. MARSHALL,
Financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, 6th March, 1858.

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FISHERIES.

The committee on the fisheries having carefully considered the subjects referred to them, beg leave to report as follows :

They have examined the reports of the wardens of the river fisheries, and after mature deliberation they are of opinion that the annual grant to those officers of twenty-five pounds each, from the public treasury, under chapter 17, of the acts of 1853, should be discontinued ; and they therefore report a bill to discontinue such grant, and to authorize the sessions in the several counties to make regulations for the preservation of the river fisheries.

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Your committee do not recommend the prayer of a petition from the inhabitants of Argyle, for a portion of the grant to the warden of river fisheries.

On the petition of the inhabitants of Wallace, asking legislation for the preservation of oysters, your committee report a bill authorizing the sessions to make regulations respecting the taking and preservation of that valuable shell-fish.

Your committee have given careful attention to the fish inspection act, with a view to improving the same, as respects the inspection of salmon, and they beg to report a bill for amending the law now in force as respects that description of pickled fish.

Your committee do not recommend any legislation as prayed for by the inhabitants of Lower Granville, to prohibit American fishermen and others from throwing gurry overboard, near the shores of this province; but your committee would beg respectfully to call the attention of the provincial government to the matter, with a view of having the ground of such complaint brought to the notice of the fishery commissioners.

Your committee have had under consideration the practice which prevails of seining fish on the coasts and bays of this province, whereby in many instances the fish are destroyed and allowed to decay; and as it is a well known fact that by the continuance of this practice, the fish have been driven from those localities, and a partial failure of such fisheries have ensued, your committee cannot but deeply regret the circumstance; but they feel it would operate as a great hardship to many engaged in that branch of business to impose a prohibition on that method of taking fish, and therefore they do not recommend any legislation on the subject.

Your committee, on the petition of John Monro, recommend a grant to him of £7 13s.

It has been brought to the notice of your committee that weirs at St. Mary's Bay and elsewhere, have been so constructed, that during the last summer very large quantities of small mackerel were taken therein and allowed to decay. Your committee think that some action should be taken by the sessions to prevent a further destruction, by this means, of so valuable a fishery. All which is respectfully reported.

Committee room, March, 1858.

JOHN RYDER, chairman,
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