REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following figures show the revenue and expenditure for the year 1915-16 as compared with the figures for the previous year:—

STATEMENT OF THE REVENUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916, COMPARED WITH THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915.

-				Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Increase.	Decrease
				£	£	£	£
Customs	• •			3,366,171	3,167,283	198,888	
Stamp and death duti	ies			1,470,307	1,417,207	53,100	
Postal and telegraph				1,689,917	1,353,443	336,474	
Land-tax				1,048,356	799,641	248,715	
Income-tax				1,392,119	540,318	851,801	
Beer duty				157,892	127,660	30,232	
Railways	• •			4,484,337	4,106,675	377,662	
Registration and othe	r fees			106,263	101,020	5,243	
Marine		• •		46,228	50,387		4,15
Miscellaneous				424,505	461,498		36,99
Territorial				219,314	239,623		20,30
National-endowment revenue			92,655	78,770	13,885	••	
Other receipts	• •	• •	••	12,073	8,420	3,653	• •
						2,119,653	61,46
						61,461	,
Totals		••		14,510,137	12,451,945	2,058,192	

It will be noticed that the revenue for 1915-16 exceeded that for 1914-15 by £2,058,192. This increase was partly due, of course, to the increased taxation and revenue charges imposed by last year's legislation, and partly to increased activities in the trade and commerce of the Dominion.

THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916, COMPARED WITH THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915, IS—

Expenditure.	Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Year ended 31st March, 1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Permanent Appropriations—				
Civil List	20,280	21,954		1,674
Interest and Sinking Fund	3,190,798	3,071,448	119,350	••
Under Special Acts	574,000	545,341	28,659	
Subsidies paid to Local Authorities	133,072	121,821	8,251	
Territorial Revenue	52,184	51,685	499	
Endowments	173,692	173,946		254
Old-age Pensions	450,842	436,765	14,077	
Widows' Pensions	36,265	31,610	4,655	
Military Pensions	48,278	47,607	671	• •
War Pensions	13,744	• •	13,744	• •
	4,693,155	4,505,177	189,906	1,928
Annual Appropriations—				
Legislative Departments	34,480	37,552		3,072
Departments of Finance	90,004	170,134		80,13 0
Post and Telegraph Department	1,294,712	1,244,569	50,143	• •
Working Railways Department	2,954,006	2,881,087	72,919	••
Public Buildings, Domains, and Maintenance of Roads	100,780	117,676	••	16,896