

STATE FINANCIAL RETURNS.

When the approximate returns of State revenue in South Australia for the September quarter were published in The Register on October 1 they showed an aggregate increase of £171,639 upon the receipts during the corresponding period of the year which immediately preceded. In the revised statement which, with the expenditure figures, was printed in The Government Gazette yesterday, that amount is increased to £178,129. The alteration is due mainly to the earlier return having credited interest and exchange with only £418 instead of the £5,929 which now appears under that head. The only other change which need be instanced is the augmentation of licence revenue from £1,441 in the approximate return to £2,263 in the revised document. The position of the State income, therefore, is that during the quarter which ended on September 30, 1906, the receipts were £611,721; but from June 30, 1907, to September 30, 1907, they amounted to £789,850. This represents the aggregate increase of £178,129—a remarkable record. As has previously been shown, all the leading lines of revenue are buoyant. The only noteworthy exception affects probate and succession duties, which fell from £18,856 in the earlier period to £9,935 in the later. The railway earnings sprang from £311,943 to £408,737—an advance of £96,794; land and income tax from £20,962 to £28,103 (£7,141 increase); stamp duties from £14,107 to £16,348 (£2,241); marine from £7,486 to £10,845 (£3,360); and water-works from £19,826 to £22,988 (£3,162). Territorial advanced in leading lines to the extent of £11,132; and the increment in the returned contributions from the Commonwealth was £57,813—£147,145 a year ago, and £204,958 now. The quarter's revenue of £789,850 is actually £6,000 more than one-fourth of the year's total estimated income of £3,135,329—a position for which it would be hard to find a parallel in the comparatively unproductive first quarter of the financial year.

Looking, however, on the other side of the picture, one notes that the expenditure upon the administration of the government was never before so heavy. If much money is coming in, much also is going out; and the increased outlay is rapid and progressive. To cut down expenses in the future will, moreover, in the nature of things, be even more difficult than that unpleasant operation has been in the past; and that is saying more than a little. The total expenditure during the September quarter was £700,494; and, though this was £89,355 less than the revenue secured in the same time, it constituted an increase of £44,769 upon the amount spent in the similar period of 1906. The aggregate additions on certain lines were £54,892, and the total decreases on others were £10,122. By far the largest contributor to the enhanced disbursements was the Railway Department, which expended £208,682, an increase of £35,998. Other enlarged outlays were £1,747 on the University, £502 Fire Brigades Board, £727 Adelaide Hospital, £307 Government Printing Office, £357 police force,

Australian development of thought and action in connection with the defence of their great continent. Whatever policy was adopted by the Commonwealth would, he was sure, stand as an example for Canada. It would teach them that the question of national defence could not be shirked and avoided by self-respecting citizens, that wealth could not be accumulated without some thought concerning the first condition of national existence. Thirteen years ago the rival expenditure of Great Britain was £14,000,000; of late years it had oscillated between £32,000,000 and £35,000,000. There was practically no hope of the amount ever receding, and behind the fact some great cause was at work. Similar expenditure by the German Government had grown during the same period from £2,000,000 to £14,000,000. The figures for the American republic were £6,000,000 and £20,000,000, so that, adding the German and American expenditure the amount overtopped Great Britain's naval expenditure, which represented the last available penny. They looked for a united system of Imperial defence, and it was not, perhaps, inconsistent with that system that the Australian continent should have special coastal protection. One had only to come to Australia to realize that there was a huge Pacific system of rival nations and commerce, probably not fully appreciated in the mother country. A hearty vote of thanks to Professor Leacock was carried on the motion of Dr. Barlow (the Vice-Chancellor), seconded by Professor Bragg, and supported by Mr. A. W. Piper.

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