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COST OF THE ROYAL RECEPTION.

In his speech in the debate on the address, Mr. Hazen without definite knowledge on the subject, announced that the royal visit cost the province \$25,000 or \$30,000, a most erroneous and misleading statement which has been contradicted by the Premier, who gives the net cost at something of over \$16,000.

In comparison with the amount spent by the Nova Scotia government for the same purpose, the care and economy of our government in the expenditure are certainly to be commended. The Nova Scotia figures have not yet been submitted to the legislature there, but Premier Murray told a Herald representative that the royal reception bills against his government would amount to \$10,000, and the Nova Scotia affair was conducted under conditions that did not call for as large an expenditure as in this province. Halifax is the headquarters of the British army and navy in Canada, and both of these services united with the government of Nova Scotia and the city of Halifax in arranging for the reception and in paying the bills. Then at Halifax no provision had to be made for housing the royal party as was necessary in St. John. In the Nova Scotia capital the Duke and Duchesses and their suite lived on board the royal yacht, thus saving the authorities there the great expense of furnishing and running a residence for the distinguished visitors. This in itself effected a great saving, probably representing fully the difference in the cost between the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick receptions.

The people of New Brunswick do not complain of the cost of the royal reception. The expenditure necessary was due to the province's guests and was kept as low as possible under the circumstances.

A former local government of which Mr. Hazen was an admirer, spent quite as much if not more in receiving and entertaining the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise in 1879.

THE EDUCATION REPORT.

There are some features of Dr. Inch's annual report on education that are not encouraging, yet on the whole the chief superintendent is able to tell of a general advance in the service, which after all is the true basis of whatever greatness which this province may attain in the future.

Dr. Inch's report treats of the school year which ended June 30, 1901, embracing two terms, while the inspectors' reports cover the whole of 1901.

Turning to the statistical abstract we find that in the first term the number of schools in operation was 1812, and during the second term there were only 1741, and the number of teachers employed was respectively 1893 and 1841. There were 57,629 pupils registered in the first and 60,420 in the second term, and the average daily attendance for the full terms were 35,656 and 36,251, a percentage of 61.87 and 58.34 of the number enrolled. The entire enrolment of pupils in the last term of the school year ending June 30, 1901, was only 2000 more than for the corresponding term of 1890, not a very large increase in eleven years.

Dr. Inch, in commenting on the statistics for the two terms under review, those included in the last school year, says:

"As anticipated in my last annual report, the statistics show a further decrease in the number of schools in operation and the number of pupils enrolled, as compared with the corresponding terms of recent years. The principal cause of this

falling off was, without doubt, the closing of the schools in many districts on account of the prevalence of small-pox and other epidemic diseases. Another cause more particularly affecting the rural districts, was the difficulty of obtaining teachers. This is a condition of things so detrimental to educational progress, that public attention cannot be too strongly directed to the causes which have brought it about."

Treating of the scarcity of teachers, Dr. Inch reports that the average enrolment of candidates for the profession during the last ten years was 273; but as a portion of those enrolled were already licensed teachers who were seeking advance of class, it may be estimated that from 240 to 250 new candidates present themselves each year. This number would provide for vacancies caused by the annual withdrawal of about one-eighth of the total number of teachers employed, and this proportion, under ordinary circumstances, ought to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the schools. Under existing conditions however a much larger proportion than 12½ per cent of trained teachers of the higher classes seek and obtain other employments. The inevitable results are the withdrawal annually from the teaching profession of hundreds of our best qualified teachers and the consequent closing of the schools or, what is scarcely a less evil, placing them in charge of teachers of imperfect education and utterly incompetent for the proper discharge of the functions of a teacher.

The chief superintendent declares that the time has come when some remedy must be found for this growing evil; otherwise, every effort which has been made to raise the standards of efficiency in the schools by supplying them with a better educated and better trained class of teachers will be rendered abortive. Dr. Inch sees the reason of the young people deserting the teaching [is the miserable pittance paid them for their services, and declares that if no further increase is possible in the way of provincial or county grants, legal enactment will have to be procured to compel the various school districts to vote more money for the support of the schools. Dr. Inch says that cases have come under his notice during the present year in which the teachers accepted as salary the provincial grant only, and the amount of the county fund was more than sufficient to pay all other expenses, as fuel, etc.; so that in these cases, the schools, instead of being a financial charge upon the districts, were actually a source of income.

We shall deal with other features of Dr. Inch's exhaustive and well written report in future issues of the Herald.

The proposal of the local government to set aside a large tract of forest lands on the Upper Tobique for the purposes of a provincial park, will meet with public approbation. In former years, before the advent of the Blair government, the crown lands of the province were sold outright, and the funds realized were spent on current account, but Mr. Blair reversed that policy, and his successors in the government have followed in his footsteps. The Tobique reservation will be set aside for public uses for all time, and as the surveyor general explained in the house, will be used for the preservation of the fish and game of the province.

Mr. Bergeron will be the Conservative candidate in Beauharnois, where he was defeated in the last general election by Mr. Loy, who was afterwards unseated. Since his defeat in that constituency Mr. Bergeron was beaten in St. James division of Montreal, so that another wipeout, three within a period of eighteen months, will probably not disturb his serenity. Mr. Bergeron is very anxious to get back to parliament, but it is not likely he will have that satisfaction just now. He does not like the idea of Mr. Monk succeeding him as the Quebec Conservative leader in Parliament.

The property on the corner of Charlotte and Dorchester streets, Sydney, N. S., owned by the Bank of British North America, has been purchased by John A. Macdonald, barrister, and William Horne of North Sydney, the price paid being \$10,000. The property changed hands five years ago for \$2,000, and was purchased by the B. N. A. bank five years ago for \$7,000.

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MURDERED HIS MISTRESS.

Canadian Commits a Horrible Tragedy in New York.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

New York, March 15.—Maud Gentile, a handsome woman of 25, was found dead in the Transfer hotel, 457 East 42d st., this morning, with a bullet hole in the roof of her mouth.

Eugene Gauthier, a clerk, with whom she had been living at the hotel, killed her some time during the night and made his escape. Jealousy caused the crime, as Gauthier recently learned that the woman was living with another man.

No shots were heard in the hotel during the night, and the crime was not discovered until 8 o'clock this morning, when Kate O'Donoghue, a chambermaid, after knocking on the door of the room occupied by Gauthier and the woman, opened it with a pass key and entered.

The body of Maud Gentile was found on the floor, fully dressed, with the exception of the hat. Blood was oozing from the mouth. There were no signs of a struggle in the room. Gauthier who is still at large came here from Montreal.

DANGER OF LYDITE SHELLS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Mar. 15.—The extraordinary effect of lydite has been revealed by a statement that during the recent experiments with the hulk of old battle ship Belle Isle, shells containing that explosive refected fragments upon attacking vessels which were three hundred yards distant. Other fragments dropped close to the gun boat, situated on 2000 yards ahead and in a line with her. The deduction drawn is that when lydite is used there is danger for friendly vessels at least 2000 yards away.

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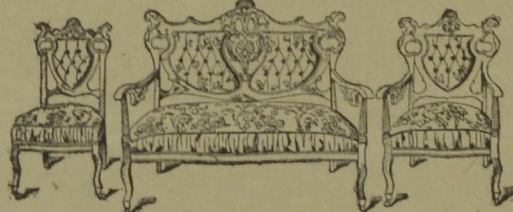
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