

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The annual report of the Chief Superintendent of Public Schools is always of interest. Dr. Anderson, the official head of our educational system has had wide experience and a deservedly high repute among teachers and public men on account of his learning, ability and his steadfast zeal in promoting the education of our people.

The schools report, showing as it does the conditions existing in the primary and secondary schools is of the more importance in view of the coming changes, although it does not foreshadow them. The report of the Commission on Education was yet in embryo when Dr. Anderson's report was made public. His report, as we have said, shows the existing conditions and whither we are and for years past have been drifting.

The report shows, in brief that we had during 1909 a total of 479 district schools in the Province, an increase of 3 over the previous year. The number of teachers employed was 595, an increase of 15. Of these teachers 200 were male, and 395 female, showing a decrease of five in the former and an increase of 20 in the latter. The number of pupils enrolled was 18,073, a fractional increase of 61, but with a decrease of 104 in the average attendance. This on the whole indicates a stationary condition, not unmixed with indications of retrogression.

Still the total expenditure for education in this Province has been large, amounting to \$183,205. Of this the Government contributed \$129,179 and the school districts \$54,026—a most unequal distribution of the burden, and one in which our Province stands alone. The amount expended for each pupil in attendance was \$14.78, of which the Government paid \$10.10 and the school boards \$4.68. There is, however, an improvement in the supplements voted at school meetings, which last year totalled \$23,474, the highest on record and comparing very favorably with ten years ago when the total of supplements was but \$7,804.

The fact is that the Government has been paying all those years a much larger sum for the support of schools than the strained condition of the provincial finances would warrant.

rant, while the local contributions to school support have been very small compared with what they are in other Provinces of Canada. It is here that reform in our school system ought to begin—in the method of school support. The problem must be faced. In the end the people must pay for all their public services, and they will be found not unwilling when once they know what they are paying for and assured that they are getting value for what they pay.

The teachers want more pay and they are entitled to more. Our best teachers will leave us for other fields, as many have already done, unless they are granted something like the remuneration paid for like service in other Provinces. Our schools cannot be kept up to the standard required in this age, with incapable or untrained teachers. But the Government cannot pay more, because it has not the money. Wherefore we think a change in the mode of school support is imperatively demanded.

There are other reforms needed, to which we need not advert. It is to be feared that with the present arrangement of school districts the cost per pupil in many schools is unduly large and that the best results are not obtained for the money actually expended. The cost of school books has been for years far above what it ought to be. There has been discontent among teachers and rate-payers alike. Beyond question the time is ripe for reform in the school system along various lines.

Within the limitations imposed by existing conditions the Superintendent, Professors in the College, the Inspectors and teachers appear to have done good work in the past year and in recent years. Manual Training, Domestic Science and Agriculture have been added to the curriculum in Prince of Wales, the Hillsboro Consolidated and some other schools. It is pleasing to learn from the Chief Superintendent's report that the ordinary branches of a common school education were last year carefully and successfully taught, that many of his suggestions have been tested with good results and generally that the methods of teaching have greatly improved during the year. This is well.

The recommendations and suggestions of the Chief Superintendent and Inspectors call for more extended notice than we can give them today.

THE MARITIME OVER-PRODUCTION OF BRAINS.

Mr. Justice Longley, of Nova Scotia, speaking before the Canadian Club in Saint John, ventured the prediction that in fifty years Canada will have a population of fifty millions and a revenue of \$700,000,000 yearly. These are big figures and

show a robust faith, but better is a robust faith in a man or a nation than a policy of doubt and pessimism.

Moreover, Judge Longley has perceived that so far the Maritime Provinces have been supplying the brains

to the Dominion. Nova Scotia alone had supplied two Premiers to the Dominion and was ready to supply two more, besides having at various times supplied three of the great universities of Upper Canada with their heads. Brains are a higher product and a more potent one than wheat or cattle.

Judge Longley is right. Brains are a staple product of the Maritime Provinces, a prime article of export to many foreign markets into which they pass free of duty. Brains are interwoven in the very texture of our maritime life and into the names of these Provinces by the sea. That is what gives us the cheery attitude always conspicuous in the manner and bearing of the maritime man. Brains are our capital, and are capitalised in the names of the three Provinces as below:

NEW BRUNSWICK,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
NOVA SCOTIA.

TROUBLE THREATENED ON MONTREAL DOCK.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—The shipping companies are threatened with trouble among the longshoremen. They claim that the demand for the abolition of the bonus system is made by a few men only and that it is not serious. Now the demand is that a poll tax be put on all longshoremen who come from outside the city. This would mean that 75 per cent. of the men would have to pay the tax as they are mostly men who work in the shanties in the winter and on the docks in summer. The shipping men claim the number who come from St. John and Halifax for the summer, which used to be large enough, has dropped to almost nothing and that the Portland immigration is altogether stopped.

THE NEED OF EXTENSIVE ROAD REFORM.

Probably no Province in Canada is more in need of road reform than our own. The fault was in laying out the roads at the beginning. They were made to follow the township lines, almost entirely regardless of grades. In consequence our people have gone on for a hundred years climbing hills, which might have been in many cases avoided without even increasing the length of the road. In not a few cases a level road could have been made around the base of a hill quite as short as the present road over its summit and on which three times the load could be drawn by a team.

It has been at enormous cost of power and loss of time that our farmers and others have gone on for generations dragging heavy loads over hills that might be avoided. Even in light driving the loss of time is very great. With so much up and down hill, and the horse walking the up-grades fully two thirds of the time of a journey is taken up with the up-hill climb.

The remedy is not so easy as might be hoped. Farm houses and buildings have been erected along the existing roads and it would in many cases greatly disturb the convenience of the owners to have the roads removed or diverted from present routes. Still there are very many cases where great improvements might be made in road location without serious detriment to vested rights. A comprehensive survey of the Provincial road system with a view to improved location would be well worth while.

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It is just this way, if you are open to convictions we want to tell you why Paton's Famous Chiffon Broadcloth is so popular all over the Island. It is its finish, its general make up and its draping qualities, the permanency of the dyes used, its firmness, its unspottableness. It is woven by weavers of skill, and every yard of it has to pass first class by the manufacturer after it leaves the weaving room. It is all together a first class cloth and every yard is guaranteed by the maker and ourselves.

PATON'S

The Government steamer Earl Grey returned to Charlottetown yesterday after a temporary absence occasioned by bad weather. Captain Brown is winning golden opinions this winter for the good service he is giving.

Whether Canada can or cannot afford to pay the price of a brace of Dreadnoughts, Argentina has the necessary courage to do so. The southern republic has, according to the New York Herald, just now made contracts for building two of the largest, fastest and most heavily armed Dreadnoughts yet laid down.

The Liberal budget, which the Lords rejected before the election, they are now ready to pass. But before it can go to the Lords it must now pass through the House of Commons again, and unless the Irish members will vote for it, it cannot pass. And the Irish members, who abstained from voting when the budget was last before them, seem to have no better opinion of it now. They want the Lords' veto power destroyed, and they want home rule for Ireland, but not more taxes on whiskey.

MRS. WM. H. TAFT'S SOCIAL SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Miss Mary D. Spiers, who is to be social secretary for Mrs. Taft, is what her friends are pleased to call "an old-fashioned girl." She will relieve Miss Alice Blech, who is to be married to Lieut. Richard Wainwright, U. S. N., early in the spring. Miss Spiers was appointed to the government service from North Carolina and is a clerk in the office of the Surgeon-General of the army. She is well educated and reserved.

BIG INCREASE IN CANADA'S IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—Canada's immigration for January was 6,338 as compared with 4,097 for the previous January, an increase of 52 per cent. From the first of this fiscal year up to the end of January the total immigration was 155,567 compared with 125,653 for the same period of last year, an increase of 22 per cent.

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Amy G. Burrows, **W. K. Rogers,**
Agent, Summerside Manager, P. E. I. Branch,
Lewis H. Beer, Field Manager.
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Getting The Most Out Of Meat

Meat, either cooked or uncooked, in order to be of use in the economy of the human system, needs to be broken up. Tender meat falls apart readily when it comes in contact with the teeth and thus is easily acted upon by the digestive fluids.

Use a Shirreff Meat Cutter and be convinced.

For Sale By
S. W. Crabbe
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TOO BUSY

To talk life Insurance? You don't mean it. You have no business so important as the solvency of your estate and the safety of your family. Insuring in the

North American Life

meets all demands upon you. It is in every way a most desirable Company for insurers. Let us assist you in selecting a plan adapted to your needs.

Ross & Matthews

Masonic Building
Charlottetown
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The Family Medicine Chest

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Cough, Cold and Headache Remedies, a Lintment, a Lotion and a Salve, a bottle of Camphor, Arnica, or Witch Hazel etc.

All these things are apt to be needed from time to time and when needed should be on hand.

We will guarantee the quality of any thing we furnish and the price is sure to be as low as can be had.

J. G. Jamieson,
DRUGGIST

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It doesn't have to look nice to be useful. It must tell the truth though and run for years without any very noticeable variation.

We have here watches which we guarantee for twenty-five years at very reasonable prices.

G. H. Taylor
Jeweler & Optician

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Beer & Weeks Beer & Weeks Beer & Weeks

Forcing the Season!

Take advantage of our Special Sale of Furniture Coverings of all Kinds!

YEAR after year during April, May and June our re-upholstering Dept finds itself oftentimes with more work on hand than can be promptly attended to. Sometimes we are obliged to turn work away.

THIS SPECIAL OFFER ENDS MARCH 15

Now, we want to divert a large portion of this trade from the busy months to the present quiet months and to induce people to look up this work NOW and get it done NOW we are willing

20 P. C. OFF ALL COVERINGS

To make a concession of TWENTY PER CENT OFF all kinds of FURNITURE COVERINGS purchased between this date and March 15

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20 P. C. OFF ALL COVERINGS

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THIS SPECIAL OFFER ENDS MARCH 15

Beer & Weeks

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Boots

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These are the big 3 lines in Goff Bros celebrated Fish boots.

Be sure and get a pair for this season and be happy.

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