

HON. W. G. STRONG.

We announce today the long anticipated death of the Honorable William Gambec Strong. Mr. Strong reached the age of seventy-nine years. He was a son of the Rev. John B. Strong who was in the year 1813, sent by the Wesleyan Methodist Society of England as its first missionary to Lower Canada, and was born at Sackville, N. B., in the year 1818. Educated at the St. John Grammar School and at Annapolis Royal, he came to Bedeque with his father when a young man. After engaging successfully in business he entered public life and eventually became leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in the Legislative Council. He was also a trustee of the Hospital for the Insane, a member of the Board of Education, and a director of the Summerside Bank. In recent years he filled the office of High Sheriff of Prince County. Always a prominent Methodist he was a lay delegate on behalf of the P. E. Island Methodist church to the first general conference held in Toronto in 1873 consequent on a union of the seven conferences comprising the Methodist Church of Canada and Newfoundland. Mr. Strong was a conscientious and able man and highly respected in every relation of life.

THE SEWERAGE BILL.

UPON the whole, the Sewerage Bill is, as we have already said, well conceived. But we think that the amendment proposed by the Attorney General will improve it and be in line with the public opinion of Charlottetown. As a whole, the people desire to save expense and as a whole they think the expense of a new election of Commissioners quite unnecessary. It may not, however, make any difference as to the conduct of the large work which it will be the duty of the Commissioners to carry out; and then, again, it may. No one can say what the event of a popular election in Charlottetown will be when someone has "an axe of his own to grind" and is not scrupulous in the use of money. We know the present Commissioners; we don't know what we shall get in the event of an election. Moreover, it would be unjust as well as uncourteous to unnecessarily legislate out of office men each of whom was elected for a term of three years, a considerable portion of each of which is yet to expire; and their is no necessity for doing so. Rather it is wise and expedient to hold on to honest and capable men whom we know than to hazard the election of men whom we don't know. As for the qualification of the Commissioners and the security they are to give, there can be no question that that there ought to be higher rather than lower when the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners are increased.

PROOF OF INCAPACITY

AFTER some days of profound cogitation the Patriot has ventured to defend the financial management of the Liberal Government. Its late, half-hearted apologies in striking and singular contrast to its former outspoken denunciations of deficits and condemnation of the Conservatives who, to avoid direct taxation, permitted them. Then the Patriot was wont to intimate that the Liberals would, when they obtained power, make such wholesome, economic changes that Provincial ends would be met without resort to taxation. Now it is compelled to plead that, even though direct taxation has been imposed and deficits still flourish, the failure of the Liberals to perform their promises to the people is not so bad as THE EXAMINER implies. The chief point in this plea is that there has been an increase in the expenditure for education, ranging from \$1,547.17 to \$15,639.55 a year, and aggregating in the past seven years \$51,144.18. Suppose we admit this plea to the full, it only shows that instead of coming short of their promises by \$481,381.21 the Liberals have come short of their promises by \$430,237.03.

But let us enquire into the conditions under which there has been an increase in the cost of education? The report of the superintendent shows that there has been a falling off in the enrolment of pupils from 22,539 in 1890—the last year in which the Conservatives held office—to 21,845 in 1897, and that the daily average attendance in all these years has been practically stationary. In the face of this fact, in the face of a yearly deficit and direct taxation, in the face of the dismissal of our Professor of Agriculture and the deterioration rather than the improvement of our schools, the Liberals have permitted the cost of education to increase—as the Patriot shows—to the extent of \$15,639.55 a year! Surely a more striking proof of incapacity on the part of the Liberals to manage the public affairs of this Province could not be adduced.

Short-waisted corsets for short-waisted women. Men's hats, caps and ready-made clothing. Children's clothing a specialty. I received one case of children's sailor suits from 75c to \$3.00.—Jas. Paton & Co.

The Curious Statistics Showing What European Nations Pay For Them.

The friends and advocates of "universal peace" and the foes of intemperance and inebriety are pretty generally agreed that the expenses attending war and war armaments and liquid beverages are unduly large. There is an old proverb—it is not a Swiss proverb, of course—to the effect that a man who drinks more than he should "drinks like a Swiss," and it is for this reason, perhaps—and residents of the republic of Switzerland say for no better one—that the fame of residents of Switzerland for sobriety is not as far-reaching as the fame of the Scotch, for instance, for frugality. A recent computation which has appeared shows that the annual expenditures of the Swiss for wine, beer, cider and brandy are 175,000,000 francs, six times as much as is spent on the army. Germany expends, or, more properly, individual Germans expend, \$500,000,000 a year on liquid refreshments, distilled or fermented—chiefly beer and Rhine wine—and \$120,000,000 a year on the German army. France expends in a year \$500,000,000 on drink, chiefly wine, and \$140,000,000 a year on the maintenance of the army of the republic. The Italians expend \$250,000,000 a year for liquors, wines and cordials and \$55,000,000 for the Italian army, the expenditures being in about the same ratio as in other nations. Austria-Hungary expends less upon liquor in a year than any other country of the first class in Europe, amounting to about \$225,000,000, though persons who are familiar with life along the blue Danube might not unreasonably come to the conclusion that \$200,000,000 of this sum was spent in the city of Vienna alone in lager beer. Such, however, is not the case. In the mountainous districts, particularly in the Tyrol, Transylvania and in Croatia, very little wine is drunk, and though Hungary produces a large and steadily increasing amount of wine a very large proportion of it is exported to other countries. Relatively not much of it is kept for home consumption. The Austria-Hungarian army costs \$70,000,000 a year, or less than one-third of the cost of the liquors consumed in a year. The Russians expend \$300,000,000 a year in liquors and \$150,000,000 a year, or one-half as much, for the maintenance of the army. England expends \$480,000,000 a year on beer, ale, wine, porter, gin, rum and smoky whisky and \$90,000,000 a year on the maintenance of the British army. No one knows exactly how much is spent in the United States on liquor in a year, especially in prohibition states, but it is supposed that the whisky taken for medicinal purposes costs each year more than does the maintenance of the regular army.—New York Sun.

A Good Roadmaker.

Edwin McIntyre, who lives a hermit life in the house near Warren where Dr. Pilton R. Baker was shot, has a queer hobby. One of the prettiest and best pieces of road in Maine passes in front of his retreat. It has been built by Mr. McIntyre, who for the last 23 years has been picking up the rocks and stones near his home and pounding them into pebbles, which he has put in the highway. In 23 years' time he has pounded 900,000 stones and made them ready for road use. The town authorities, recognizing the value of the work, for years have compensated the man by giving him his road tax. He estimates that he has placed on the road 20 cords of these manufactured stones. Other towns might envy Warren such a faithful roadbuilder.—Rockland (Me.) Star.

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STR.—The report of the Chief Superintendent of Education is to hand and it is appalling to note that the expenditure for education has in the last year increased by \$4,578 over that of the preceding year and that the expenditure by the Government in this department has now reached the enormous sum of \$128,662 per year. The expenditure for education has of late years increased very rapidly and has now reached an unreasonably large amount,—an amount far beyond the resources of this province. In this connection it may be interesting to present some statistics as culled from Report of Chief Superintendent of Education.

I find that during the past six years of Conservative Government, from 1895 to 1890, both years inclusive, the expenditure for education averaged \$110,399 per year while the average enrolment of pupils in our public schools for this period was 22,485 pupils per year. I also find that during the six years of Liberal administration, from 1892 to 1897, both years inclusive, the expenditure for education averaged \$121,547 per year while the average enrolment of pupils in our public schools for this period was but 22,153 pupils per year. Comparing the statistics of these two periods we thus observe that while the average number of children yearly receiving instruction in our public schools has decreased by 332, the average yearly expenditure has increased by \$11,238. What have we received in return for this increased expenditure? Simply nothing. We must admit that this enormous increase in the expenditure for education is partly owing to an increase in the number of second-class teachers employed. Well, so long as our School Act remains as at present our expenditure will continue to increase. There are about 415 common schools in the Province. About 260 of this number are schools "having small averages and low attainments." It is as absurd as it is unjust to pay teachers employed in such schools as high a salary as is awarded to other teachers employed in heavier and more advanced schools; yet such must be so as long as we continue to pay teachers according to the class of license in their possession rather than the work they perform. We are pleased to note that our worthy Superintendent has recommended certain amendments to our School Act which, if carried out, will tend to raise the standard of education in our public schools as well as to decrease the expenditure in connection therewith. We trust the "assembled wisdom" of our Province will give this question of economy in education their "serious consideration."

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