

succeeded Max Müller in the chair of Comparative Philology at Oxford, and is one of the most erudite philologists of his day, was unable to read or write until he was fifteen years of age.

A pleasing feature of the Medical Convocation ceremonies at Queen's was the founding of the Dean Fowler scholarship in medicine. This was established to commemorate the retirement from the chair of medicine of Dr. Fife Fowler. In 1854 Dr. Fowler arrived in Kingston from Scotland, and his appointment to the academic staff soon followed. Of those who took part in the founding of Queen's Medical College, forty-six years ago, he alone survives. Last fall he retired from active duties, but still holds the honorable position of dean. In order that they might fittingly honor him in the closing years of his life, his association and the alumni of Queen's established a scholarship bearing his name. This will remain as a memorial to his long service and good work for the institution.

P.E.I. SCHOOL REPORT.

The annual report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for P.E. Island for the year 1900 is a comprehensive one, and contains the usual quota of information respecting the state of education in the island province. There are on the island 471 school districts, 468 schools and 586 school departments. There has been an increase of one last year in the number of school districts, an increase of four in the number of school departments, while the number of schools has remained the same as the previous year. There were no schools vacant during the year, nor have there

been since 1896. One school has 14 departments, two have 12 departments, one has 9, two have 5, three have 4, forty-four have 2, and 413 have a single department each. It is gratifying to note that there has been an increase in the number of schools, as already we are very well supplied in that particular; in fact, we have too many. It is to be hoped the tendency in the future will be towards consolidation. There were 586 teachers employed last year, 314 of whom were males and 272 females. Of these 120 were of the First or highest class, 349 of the Second Class, and 117 of the Third Class. There was an increase of 13 in the number of female teachers and a decrease of 9 male teachers as compared with 1899. The number of First and Second Class teachers employed has been increasing during the last few years, and the Third Class pedagogue will soon be a rarity. For some years past all candidates for teachers must spend a year in Prince of Wales College, and those who fail for Second Class certificates are given Third if they do not fail in teaching and school management. So our Third Class teachers must study for a year at Prince of Wales College all the subjects required for Second Class.

Last year there was a decrease of 261 in the number of pupils enrolled in our schools, but there was an increase of 1.81 per cent. in attendance. The percentage of attendance for last year was 61.86, the highest in the history of our present school system. The proportion of the entire population at school was 1 in 5. Last year the expenditure by Government for education was \$129,113, the largest for 15 years, with the exception of the year 1898, and is within a few hundred dollars of being half the revenue of the province. Despite