

The "Vigie," Mr. Taschereau's organ, that sympathetic Minister of Public Works (for four years only), \$26,794.97.

The "Courier de Sorel," the organ of Mr. Allard, the talented and distinguished Minister of Crown Lands and Forests, \$24,326.12.

In the rearguard comes the whole regiment of lesser instruments.

The "Bulletin," the 'dominical piccolo' of Mr. Decarie, who was so festively banqueted on April 15th, \$1,000 a hole, which means \$3,989.59.

The "Canada Francais," of St. Johns, \$14,783, 67.

The "Union de St. Hyacinthe," the organ of the vicar of L. J. Gauthier, young Bouchard, \$2,361.40. We are told that Mr. Bouchard has abandoned the flute for the trumpet.

"L'Union des Cantons de l'Est," the organ of our dumb Provincial Treasurer (only two years of praises), \$2,567.75.

The "Progres de l'Est," which simply forgets itself in its praise of the lofty administrative qualities of Mr. Therrien, member for Sherbrooke, has received (for two years), \$1,653.56.

The virtuous Mr. Dougall, of the "Witness," has tapped the budget for the comparatively moderate sum of \$4,871.14.

We are simply culling a few of the figures of this official document. However interesting it may be, and we are literally dumbfounded when we realize that the Government who publishes the fact that they have "a King's printer," has paid the enormous sum of \$550-615.19 to friendly papers for more printing.

Half a million! How many primary schools could have been built with this sum?

How many school mistresses could have been paid with this amount?

How many colonization roads could have been opened up?

How many agricultural societies and clubs could have been helped?

How many workmen's associations could have been aided?

Unfortunately, the farmers, the school teachers, the workmen and the settlers do not publish the portraits of ministers in their finest polish, and they do not burn incense under their noses every day.