

Following upon the heels of the Civil Government, is the Administration of Justice. This cost us in 1858, some three hundred and seventy thousand dollars in Upper, and two hundred and fifty in Lower Canada. Of this, for the Administration of Criminal Justice in Canada West was paid 97,256 dollars. For Criminal Prosecutions was paid, in Lower Canada, 6838, and in Upper Canada, 16,725 dollars; which, making all due allowance for extra population, is by no means complimentary to us of the upper section.

In respect of our criminals, it is remarkable to what an extent our vindictiveness gets the better of our philanthropy. While towards direct punishment we expend 53,400 dollars, only an odd trifle of some 8,200 is devoted to Reformatory Institutions. Of this latter, it is also remarkable—affording an interesting subject of investigation to phrenologists and others interested in the craniological development of races—that while our Gallic neighbors go the whole hog of reformation, to the satisfactory tune of eight thousand dollars, we, of the upper section, are content with the miserable dole of two hundred dollars worth, while, at the same time, we lay on the lash of double-edged justice, to the handsome amount of fifty thousand dollars. This subject, however, is just now receiving attention, and in future we may hope to witness the infusion of a little more of the reformatory principle into our criminal system.

Next in order after the criminals, come the Legislature. Whether this significant classification was designed by the Inspector General as a soft impeachment of his friends generally, or not, it is impossible to say: the fact of itself is, however, noticeable. Legislation then, in 1858, cost us, in round numbers, six hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Of this, the Election expenses, (general election 1857) amounted to fifty-four thousand; the expenses of the Legislative Assembly four hundred and seventy-four thousand, and the Legislative Council ninety-five thousand. Take notice of the latter item! A House of Lords for a whole year for ninety-five thousand dollars! Cheap and economical dignity! Who would be without a House of Lords? even though they might be a trifle below par, and not exactly lords *par excellence*.

Between the cost of our Legislation and our Educational institutions there is a difference of a little over a hundred thousand dollars; the latter amounting to \$526,365. This is perhaps one of the most satisfactory items. Put it to the whole country, individually and collectively, and you shall not hear even the ghost of a murmur against so much of it as the odd twenty cents which we have omitted from the total. Only give us the full value of our