

All the rest was managed in the same way, which explains why the expenses of this department have been reduced to the extent of a quarter of a million a year.

Attorney-General's Department.

The administration of justice cost \$567,623.19 in 1897 under the Flynn Government and \$526,107.06 in 1900 under the Liberal Government, which shows a decreased of \$41,521.13 in favor of Hon. Mr. Archambault's management. This result will give an idea of the manner in which this department is conducted.

Public Instruction

The Government above all concentrated its efforts on the elementary schools, to which it increased the grants in order to diminish as much as possible the burthens on the taxpayers. It inaugurated the policy of free text books and other articles of that nature. It has already caused to be distributed among the schools geographical maps of the province of Quebec. The first text book has been printed and will be distributed shortly. These free gifts represent a large saving to parents and will before long reach \$100,000 a year.

A Master Stroke

In connection with public instruction, we may be permitted to call attention to a transaction marking Hon. Mr. Parent's debut as Premier.

After the sale of the site of the Chateau-Frontenac to the Canadian Pacific, the Laval Normal School was lodged in the old boarding-house of Laval University, which was