

dependant upon it, it may not be time misspent to look for a little into the amount of support the chief part of the education of the people receive from the Government, and how far appreciated by the people themselves, as evidenced by the manner in which they contribute to its maintenance. The figures will be taken from the public accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1865, as being the latest at hand :

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Superior Education.....	\$67,260 00
Common Schools .....	111,816 40
Colleges.....	29,800 00
Medical Schools and Scientific Institutions .....	14,045 40
(In this last is included what the three Observatories get.)	
Total .....	\$222,921 80

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Govern't grant for Com. Schools.	\$165,972 50
The people vote for support of do.	1,089,734 53
Clergy Reserve and Maps .....	100,272 59
Grammar Schools get from all sources, i. e. Gover't grant, fees, local sources, for prize books, apparatus, maps, and libraries	100,654 51
Total .....	\$1,456,634 13

The different colleges have other sources from which they obtain large incomes, but what these amount to cannot be very easily arrived at.

I must also say that in the above figures I do not include the expense attending the working of our educational system in both provinces, which by the way is considerable.

One fact well worth noticing in the above summary is, that for every dollar given by Government the people voluntarily implement by contributing *nine*. This is the crowning glory of our system ; that it has succeeded in enlisting the sympathies of the vast majority of the people to such a degree that they are prepared not only to countenance but most heartily, in the great majority of instances, to provide ways and means for its support.

Whether the more than 4,000 schools in Ontario are directing their energies to their legitimate work is at least questionable ; but of this there is no uncertainty, the inspection of them is exceedingly deficient. A rigid system of inspection must be inaugurated, and let us have less show and more of the useful and solid. It is not wise, when we have done so much, gone so far, and been so successful, not to put the finishing hand to our Common School system by having thoroughly qualified inspectors. I will not shew how it is done just now, or rather not at all done, but sincerely hope a change will take place very soon.

Grammar Schools next. Yours, WORKER.

## Proceedings of Societies.

### CONVENTION OF DELEGATES ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS AND MANUFACTURES BILL.

The convention of delegates called by the Board of Agriculture, on the authority of a resolution passed at the late annual meeting of the Directors of the Agricultural Association, at Kingston, met in the Lecture Room of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, the 12th of November, and continued its sittings till noon of the following day. There were present eight members of the Council of the Association, and the two Secretaries ; thirty-eight delegates from County Agricultural Societies ; three from Horticultural Societies ; and nine from Mechanics' Institutes. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. P. Wheler, President of the Association for the current year ; and Mr. H. C. Thomson and Mr. W. Edwards, Secretaries of the Association, acted as Secretaries of the Convention.

The object of the gathering was to frame such amendments to the present statute, as shall be suited to the altered circumstances of this Province, and conducive to the progress of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

Nothing having been previously prepared to submit to the meeting, it was, after some considerable discussion, agreed that the various clauses of the present act, chap. 32 Con. Stat. of Canada, should be read and considered *seriatim*, and such amendments introduced as in the opinion of the delegates might be deemed desirable, with a view to the same being submitted for approval and adoption by the local Government and Legislature of Ontario, during the ensuing session of Parliament.

By noting the following resolutions and references, in connection with the act as it now stands, our readers will at once comprehend the action of the Convention. Clauses 1 to 8 were passed over without discussion, as only applying to the Government Department of Agriculture.

Clause 9, setting apart two and a half per cent out of the sums appropriated to Agricultural Societies, "towards the promotion of agricultural instruction and information," in addition to the ten per cent withheld for the annual Provincial Exhibition, was deemed unnecessary, and it was therefore recommended that it be expunged.

Clause 12, providing for elections to fill the annual vacancies in the Membership of the Board of agriculture, was discussed at great length. The present system of election ; the plan of electing at