as the arguments he is accustomed to present. Now a fair way for the Opposition to criticize the financial management of the province would be to point out where out of the 107 millions of dollars spent since Confederation, there had been waste, or extravagance, or inadequate value received. General rash assertions did not count - it was not argument. We say it is true that the expenditure of the province has increased since 1872, but we show the people, whose servants we are, how this money has been expended. took the past ten years - from 1890 to and including 1899 - we shall find the following expenditure:

1890			•••••		\$3,896,324 38
1891					4.163.563 07
1892	•••••	•••••		•••••	4,068,951 68
1893	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	3,907,145 32
1895	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	3,842,505 23
1896	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	3,758,595 44 3,703,379 73
1897					3,767,675 70
1898	•••••				3,803,081 38
1899					3,710,420 81

And in 1900 the expenditure was \$3,748,159.41. From 1890, it would be observed, till 1900, there had been

A Decreased Expenditure

until last year, when the Government undertook to develop New Ontario. Now, how had this money been annually expended? Take last year; of the three and three-quarters millions expended, there was spent for:

Public Institutions mainten-	
ance \$828,201	34
Education 758,466	26
Agriculture 209.168	66
Hospitals and Charities 184,898	52
Public Buildings 163,631	10
Colonization Roads 133,926	10
1mmigration 6,257	46
Administration of Justice 427,854	79
Legislation 142,773	45
Civil Government 265,347	50
Mignella neous	70
Miscellaneous 234,008	10
Public Works 25,944	01
Repairs and Maintenance,	
Public Buildings 89,040	34
These were the principal items	of

expenditure, and Mr. Whitney and Mr. St. John did not point out wherein they would reduce the expenditure under any of these headings. fact is that they could not do so without crippling the public service. While the expenditure had been increased, it had been increased in lessening the burdens the people would otherwise have had to bear. it, Mr. Stratton said, extravagance, because we expended from 1872 to 1900 seventeen million dollars to assist in the education of the children of the province? Every year the province gave to every county a grant for Public, Separate, High School and Collegiate Institute purposes, and every dollar paid by the Government represented a dollar

Less of Local Taxation.

(Applause.) Would Mr. Whitney change that policy?

The grant for Education in 1872 was only \$421,703; last year it was \$758,456.26, or an amount of \$337,000 per year, or over \$1000 more for every working day, than in 1872. This was an increase of expenditure; but the people got the benefit of it directly. Over eighteen million dollars had been expended for public institution maintenance. But that was no fault of the Government. There was more work to be done-an increasingly large number of unfortunates to be We had only two asycared for. lums in 1871; now we had eight. There were only about 1000 patients in 1871; now there were nearly 6000. In 1871 the expenditure was \$276,662; in 1901 the estimated expenditure was \$840,000-nearly half a million dollars more than in 1872. Was it a sign of extravagance or bad management that, while the number of patients had increased over five fold the expenses were less than three