

clusive of fees; that the College contributes in tuition fees \$10,333, or 45 per cent. of the total receipts, and the 104 Collegiate Institutes and High Schools 5 per cent.; and that the cost per pupil from public sources is \$4 in the College in excess of the cost per pupil from the like sources in the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools; while in the College 40 per cent. more is paid directly by parents of pupils, "who, moreover, as ratepayers, contribute, in common with all other ratepayers, according to the amount of their assessment, to the support of the Public Schools, Collegiate Institutes, and High Schools throughout the Province."

Such is a brief digest of the *material* of this very surprising Report. We say "surprising," for we should have expected a fair statement of facts from the Minister of Education, and not a specious defence of what in his heart he knows cannot be defended. To say nothing of the uselessness of the Institution, it is evident that there exists in its management abuses which an ordinary Board of School Trustees would not tolerate for a day. The salaries are out of proportion to the quality and quantity of the work. The Principal of this second-rate Collegiate Institute actually gets more a year than the President of University College, and many of the masters more than the Professors of University College.

But, in discussing the "General Remarks" in the Report, which we shall do next month, we intend to take up the case against the College *seriatim*. The Provincial Press is almost unanimously in favour of the extinction of this huge excrescence on our educational system, and several of the Toronto papers, to their credit be it said, admit that the College must go. There may be various opinions as to where the endowment should be bestowed, but there cannot be any differ-

ence of opinion as to the necessity for its sequestration to more legitimate uses.

The surprising part of the matter is that an honourable and honest man like Mr. Crooks has allowed himself to be bamboozled into taking the position he has assumed—that a man, whose whole course of life should have developed the practical side of his nature, has allowed a mere sentimental attachment to carry away his judgment. We hope that during the recess wiser councils may prevail, and that the extinction of this abuse may be placed to the credit side of the Minister's account.—*Communicated.*

THE LAST SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

So far as the High Schools, and, indeed, the Public Schools, are concerned, the session of the Local House just ended has been barren of results; but the fact that the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes will be put on another footing during the recess renders it of considerable importance. The debate on this question was an able one, and the feeling of the House and the Ministry seemed to be that, while the position of the Institutes was an anomalous one, it is in the interests of higher education to maintain a better class of school than the ordinary High School. How the matter will be finally settled it is hard to say, but let it be settled once and for all. There has been too much pottering done in the case of our High Schools.

High School representation in the Senate remains in *statu quo*, and the doctors and lawyers of Toronto, will, as before, arrange matters to suit themselves. The High School influence in the Senate is too small—we should have more than one representative. At the approaching election of three new members this matter should be borne in mind.