

detail. This portion of his roll should be made out separately, and should be handed over by the clerk to the county registrar.

I would throw upon the registrar the duty of compiling from these materials the returns to be made annually to government, on forms to be furnished to him, which should not enter into too much detail, and I would pay him out of provincial funds for the work. The remuneration need not be very high, and the total cost would be quite an insignificant item; but I hold it as a most essential part of any such scheme, that everybody should be paid for the work imposed upon them. It is the only way in which correct and punctual returns can be expected. However conscientiously even the best men may perform any act required of them as a duty, they will do it more readily and more certainly, if besides discharging the duty, they make \$20 or \$30 by the transaction.

With such an organization, we should have a certain set of men all through the country, the assessors, the township clerks, and the registrars, who had already some experience in the kind of work, and they would form a useful material, out of whom to select the enumerators and commissioners, when the more formal Census came to be taken. There would remain the organization of the department of government, on which would fall the duty of classifying and tabulating the returns received from the whole country. The returns of vital statistics would form only one portion of this work. The statistics of trade and navigation, of railways, of banks, savings banks, building societies, insurance companies, hospitals and charities, and schools, criminal and other judicial statistics, militia and municipal statistics, should all be ultimately combined into one annual volume. The preparation of these, and still more, the devising of the best forms in which the information should be collected, and presented to the public, would require much miscellaneous knowledge and experience, which could hardly be expected to be found in any one department. There should be a board of statistics, presided over by one of the Executive, and and of which some others of the ministry, the minister of finance especially, might be members. But the real work would fall upon the deputy heads of those branches, which are especially concerned