

other day Mr. Gladstone made his financial statement in the House of Commons, and asked for £70,000,000 for the current year, a tax of some fifty six shillings of our currency upon each person in the United Kingdom, or rather above *five times* the sum each inhabitant of New Brunswick was taxed in 1858. Our taxes for local purposes are very light. And it must be remembered that the great portion of the Imperial Revenue is expended upon the interest of the national debt and the military and naval defence of the Empire; whereas the greater portion of our revenue is returned to the people in grants for educational purposes, in aid of agriculture, for the repair of roads, and for other public works.

Our educational institutions are creditable to the Province. The immigrant will find the facilities for the schooling his children upon the whole superior to those which he has left in the old world. The Parish School system is extended over the whole Province, into every nook and corner. Wherever the people desire to establish a school the Government supplies one half of the teacher's salary, up to a certain sum, the maximum amount of the Government allowance for a first class teacher being £37 10s. By the aid of a Training and Model School in St. John, and a system of examination, and license of teachers, and of periodical visitation and examination by salaried Inspectors, of schools, it provides for efficiency and uniformity in teaching. Provision is also made for the support of a Superior School in each Parish, and aid is given towards the formation and support of School District Libraries. Then each County has a higher seminary, known as a Grammar School, towards which Government makes an annual allowance of one hundred pounds. There are also in the Province several academical institutions, partly supported by Government. To crown all is the Provincial University, as instituted under the Act of last Session, in which provision is made for above fifty free scholarships, distributed according to population among the several Counties, and the cities of St. John and Fredericton.

With other means of education the Province is moderately well supplied. It has twenty three newspapers, four of which are tri-weekly, one semi-weekly, one bi-monthly, and the remainder weekly. Almost every town and village has