

twenty or thirty years ago and aroused much interest in the minds of local antiquarians. J. BAMBRICK, GLENROY.

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Our School System.

SECOND PAPER—CONTINUED.

ACCORDING to the Report for 1897, the average cost, to the government of the Province, of each enrolled pupil was \$5.90. The cost of each pupil in daily attendance was \$9.68, a decrease of 23 cents from the previous year.

In 1899, the cost to the Government for each enrolled pupil was \$5.82—a decrease of eight cents. The cost of each pupil in attendance was \$9.70, an increase of 2 cents, and in this year no supplement was granted. Now, if this expenditure were evenly distributed, and allowing for exceptional cases there might not be so much ground for criticism, except on the absolutely unassailable ground that we cannot afford to pay the money. But analyze the School Reports as supplemented by the Provincial Auditors Reports for the same years. I will, in this connection, confine my remarks to the average daily attendance.

In 1898 there were nineteen schools with an average daily attendance of ten or less going down to two (?) Of these some were and are peculiarly situated and require exceptional treatment. These are the schools situated on islands such as Panmure, St. Peter's, etc.

Of the others the cost to the Government for teachers' salaries only, without including supplements, which were paid that year and are no longer paid, varied from \$64.80 per pupil down to \$13.00. Here they are:—

QUEEN'S COUNTY

Class of Teacher	No. of District.	Average Attendance	Number Enrolled	Cost to Gov't per pupil
2	27	10	20	\$18 00
2	32	9	15	25 00
1	45	10	14	17 34
2	49	2	7	64 80
2	125	9	20	23 64
3	163	8	16	16 25
3	177	10	20	12 38