

We are not prepared, in these provinces, to support our schools, independent of the public allowance.

Consequently all the taxation we desire to see is, let each person be taxed according to his means, in order to raise the additional amount over and above the present Government allowance, required to pay teachers, build school-houses, and procure books, &c.

Without provincial support in aid of schools, education would dwindle into insignificance, and a large portion of the youth of the province grow up in ignorance of the simplest rudiments of knowledge.

Religious Frolics.

This title may appear somewhat incongruous to some of our readers, but for the want of a better at command, we adopt it, in order to convey a few ideas touching some of the practices of the day.

History points us in every age of the world to some leading peculiarity of the age, and so it is of the present; it has its peculiarities, which no doubt the next age will say were peculiarly its own.

If our Christian forefathers would arise from the dust of a hundred years, and again take their place upon the platform of society, witness the parade and show manifested by society—witness the religious frolics, bazaars, pic nics, soirees, tea-meetings, instituted for the purpose of raising money to build churches, and send missionaries to heathen lands, and for other philanthropic objects, they would be utterly astounded; if not confounded.

In days of yore, when money was required for the advancement of any religious object, an appeal was made to man's moral obligation to assist, means were supplied on the ground of duty; and as a free-will offering.

But how changed: when money is wanted for any such object in these times, an appeal is made to tea, bazaars, pic nics, etc., when tea is served up, in good style of course, for which each recipient pays the magic sum of *one shilling and ten pence half penny*. In addition there is a refreshment table, on which may be seen eatables and drinkables of various kinds, and toys of every variety; these articles are sold at about five hundred per cent advance on the original cost; and if any remains, it is auctioned off at the close to the highest bidder. The people attend cheerfully, bid lively, the boys court the girls, and sometimes the girls court the boys. And to make the whole affair pass off lively and piously, a goddly sprinkling of the clergy attend, who discourse sweet nonsense to the audience, who drink it in as sweetly.

At one of these pious bazaars, a short time ago, and among the pious relics offered for sale were a number of "secrets," which were auctioned off to the highest bidder; and as the novelty of telling a secret is generally the greatest novelty about it, in this case there was an