

have been built? Where was the railway that the people would be willing to do away with? Where was the Public Work that was not required? Where was the Public Building not utilized? From what hospital or charitable institution would you cut off the small grant it gets? Where are patients in public institutions more economically or better maintained than in our institutions? Perhaps Mr. Whitney wants, as he puts it, to get the finances in a proper condition by compelling municipalities to maintain their insane, which are now cared for by the Province, or does he wish to unload the care of the insane now assumed by the Province upon the home, or, as is done in some of the other provinces, on the nearest relative? Does he desire the grants to be withdrawn from all the Agricultural Associations? Does he wish the expense of the Administration of Justice to be borne by the counties, instead of being shared by the Government? Does he want the High School, Public School and Separate School grants withdrawn? By what mysterious way does he propose to reduce the expenditure? The County of Peterborough had received from the Ontario Government from 1871 to 1900, inclusive, not taking the present year into account, the large sum of \$844,976.66 for the following services, showing

The Amount of Benefit

derived by County of Peterborough from 1871 to 1900, inclusive:

Maintenance of Peterborough patients in Insane Asylums...	14,205 30
Maintenance of prisoners in Central Prison	14,205 30
Maintenance and Education of boys sent to Reformatory...	12,353 53
Education and care of blind children... ..	13,414 95
Education and care of deaf and dumb children... ..	15,409 10

Direct Grants to Public, Separate and High Schools	206,091 00
Aid to Public Libraries	13,304 52
Grants to Agricultural Societies... ..	44,171 00
To assist Administration of Justice... ..	52,495 91
Aid to Hospitals and Charities:	
Nicholls Hospital, started in 1890... ..	19,234 74
St. Joseph's Hospital started in 1892... ..	9,595 35
Protestant Home, started in 1886... ..	6,112 78
House of Providence, started in 1890... ..	5,308 76
Aid to Railways:—	
Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway... ..	13,740 00
Grand Junction Railway.....	56,568 00
Paid under Surplus Distribution... ..	47,832 12
Grants to Colonization Roads East and West Peterborough	141,928 21
	\$844,973 66

Here we had nearly a million of dollars paid to the County of Peterborough directly from the Provincial treasury. (Applause.) What had been done for Peterborough had been done in proportion for every county in the province. If only half the amount had been expended in this way, leaving the counties to pay the balance, we might have had the counties burdened with debt, or the tax payer poorer, and might have had a big surplus in the treasury. The Opposition say that we have squandered the money. Where was this money squandered? Did Mr. Whitney, or can Mr. Whitney, show what has been squandered in East Peterborough, or what has been spent that was not directly in the people's interests? Reckless assertion didn't convince a jury; there must be evidence, and the people in this case are the jury, and Mr. Whitney must bring something more than strong language before he can hope to get a verdict in his favour. (Applause.) Let us take, said Mr. Stratton, the expenditure per head, of the various provinces, and see how we stand. For every man, woman and child