

Son of John, who was	1216
Son of Henry II., who was	1189
Son of Geoffry Plantagenet, and Matilda who was	
Daughter of Henry I., and Matilda, who was	
Daughter of Margaret, who was	
Daughter of Edward, who was	
Son of Edmund Ironsides, who was	1016
Son of Ethelred II., who was	1016
Son of Edgar, who was	974
Son of Edmund I. who was	947
Son of Edward the Elder, who was	924
Son of Alfred the Great, who was	901
Son of Ethelwolf, who was	857
Son of Egbert.	837

Taxation in aid of Schools.

This, the only legitimate principle through which education will be extended to the mass of society, is again upon the public carpet. A year ago it was, almost, the absorbing subject; the press of both sides of politics were in its favor; still nothing practically has been done,—we stand as we were.

Mr. Bennet, the Superintendent of Education, is now advocating its adoption, it is said by some, with a view to the withdrawal of the provincial allowance from the elementary Schools.

The reasons assigned for such a step is, the heavy liabilities incurred by the province, by the construction of railways, the interest on which is nearly eighty thousand pounds per annum.

The *Head Quarters* argues, that the counties through which the railways pass, should pay any additional tax that may be imposed, and not the counties that receive no benefit from these works. We are fully satisfied that the pecuniary difficulties in which the province is so deeply involved, calls for public retrenchment, but to begin by abolishing the grants to the schools would be detrimental to the best interests of the country. Let the Government begin by a general system of retrenchment—let the offices of Postmaster General and Board of Works be abolished, each of which would save the province twelve hundred pounds at least—let the office of Solicitor General be abolished, and the grants be withdrawn from sectarian institutions of education, which alone, besides many other items, would save to the province, annually, between six and seven thousand pounds. The railway from St. John to Shediac, now complete, a saving of fourteen thousand pounds per annum may be made in this department. In the whole a saving of twenty thousand pounds a year may easily be made; a sum nearly equal to the amount annually paid in aid of elementary schools.