

Madam Editor :

Is it suitable to use the public press as a medium of advertisement of an illegal action. I believe "boarding round" is now illegal. This advertisement does not come from an old file, but from a *Witness* of May last (1900). Surely the above wanted is a survival of a condition for which there is at present no use! Could action thereupon be taken either by some Teachers' Association or the Provincial Convention.

TEACHER.

In answer to the above letter it may be stated that "wages ten dollars per month and board" does not necessarily imply "boarding round." In many of the sparsely settled parts of this province school boards are making heroic efforts to provide good education for the few children who attend the school or schools under their control. While we would not defend the niggardliness of certain school boards in the matter of education, we must be very sympathetic towards the struggling schools in country districts. The school inspector who has charge of the district in which the place, referred to in the above communication, is situated, would be the person who could throw most light on the situation;—Ed.

Official Department.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Appointment of a school commissioner.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, by order in council, dated the 26th of July last (1900), to appoint Mr. T. Davidson, merchant, of Quebec, Protestant School Commissioner for the city of Quebec, to replace Mr. W. H. Wiggs, whose term of office has expired.

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