

MITCHELL, RALSTON, KEARNEY AND DUQUET

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

QUEBEC, July 8th, 1933.

Hon. W.G. Mitchell, K.C.,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:-

In accordance with my verbal promise I am enclosing herewith a list of 18 persons without diplomas who taught, with the permission of this Department, during the session 1932-33. I mentioned to you that there were 19, but I find that one taught for a short time only at the end of the previous session.

You will observe that seven of these individuals are teaching in Pontiac County, four in Bonaventure, one in Gaspé, three in the Magdalen Islands, one each in the counties of Labelle, Gatineau and Dorchester.

The number of pupils taught by these teachers totals 289, but of these 64 are apparently in one school in Grosse Isle. I say apparently because although I have the information concerning the teachers for 1932-33 the latest report in this one municipality is dated 1931-32.

Of the 18 individuals, 13 promised to attend a teacher training institution. This is in accordance with the policy that I introduced over two years ago. Of course every one cannot promise to go to Macdonald College. Residents of the Magdalen Islands cannot reasonably be expected to go there, nor can a person of forty-two years of age (as one teacher is). Almost all of these persons are from 18 to 30 years of age.

I should make it clear that teachers with extra-provincial diplomas may teach with the permission of this Department pending consideration of their applications for Quebec diplomas by the Central Board of Examiners. This practice has obtained, I suppose, for fifty years. During the last two years I have restricted their permission to one year, thus cutting down in many cases upon the length of time that such teachers can practise in this Province.