

A new house has also been commenced at East Ragged Islands and will probably be ready for a school next Summer.

Very little has been done towards completing the house at Charlesville. The want of funds is urged as an excuse. The same may be said of the house at Louis Head, the work having remained almost stationary for a year.

An addition has been made to the school at Osborne, so as to form two departments. The new room is convenient, suitably furnished and well adapted for an elementary school. The Trustees and their Secretary deserve commendation for the active interest they have taken in this desirable improvement. The school has been graded during the past year, the higher department being under the management of Mr. W. F. Kempton, a person of good teaching ability, who has been very successful in his work.

The house at McGray's section has been enlarged, fitted with two departments and furnished in approved style. The school is now graded, and, under the energetic and efficient management of Mr. John Robertson the head teacher, ranks with the first in the County. The building and the school reflect much credit on the Trustees, the teachers, and the people of the section.

At the Passage where the schools have been admirably conducted by Miss Letitia Wilson and Miss Maggie Crowell, an alteration has been made so as to adapt the building to three departments and three teachers are now employed. In some other sections slight repairs have been effected, the houses rendered more comfortable, and the furniture more suitable.

By reference to the tables it will be seen that fifty-four schools were in operation during Winter, being seven less than the same term of the previous year. Eighteen male and thirty-eight female teachers were employed. In Summer the number of schools was sixty-three, the highest we have yet had. These were taught by nine males and fifty-five females.

The subjoined table will shew the number and grades of each for the two terms:—

WINTER TERM.							
Males.				Females.			
A.	B.	C.	D.	B.	C.	D.	E.
2	5	7	4	1	16	9	12

SUMMER TERM.							
Males.				Females.			
A.	B.	C.		B.	C.	D.	E.
2	3	4		1	16	12	26

The Winter registration shews the number of pupils in attendance to have been 2925, and the grand total days 181716, or nearly the same as the Winter before.

The registry and grand total in Summer is somewhat less, being 2664 and 162783.

The number of different children at school was more than heretofore, being 3371, making the proportion of population at school some portion of the year 1 in 3.8.

Of the schools it would be difficult to give a detailed account. It is gratifying, however, to state that several of our teachers excel in their profession and their schools prove the valuable services they are rendering. In such the attendance is usually above the general average, the classification and management are good, and the pupils are alive to their duties, thorough in their studies and progressively improving.

The Academy has been well conducted by Mr. J. S. Morton, B. A. More