

INVERNESS COUNTY.

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SIR,—

The present condition of education in the County of Inverness, the progress made during the year just closed, and the prospects for the future, are briefly delineated in the following pages:—

PRESENT CONDITION.

*School Sections.*—The whole County is now sub-divided into 139 school sections—50 in the North and 89 in the South.

No new sections were formed at either the May or November Session of the South. But at the May semi-annual meeting of the Northern Board, portions of B. C. Intervale and Lock Bain were detached from these Sections and united to form Chancellorsville Section, 37½—a section not entered in the B. abstracts—its rate-payers and property assessments being embraced in the statistics of sections 21 and 37.

In the Southern Districts no sections were placed on the special aid list, but the following removals were made:—Cringwisk, (No. 4,) Glencoe, (No. 30,) Dallas Brook, (No. 42,) Big Brook, (No. 48,) Gillis Cove, (No. 53½,) River Dennis Chapel, (No. 60,) Top Cape, (South, No. 67,) Top Cape, (North, No. 62,) and Skye Mount, (No. 65.)

In the Northern District, the following were taken off:—Grantosh, (No. 1,) Big Intervale, (No. 12,) and Big Brook, (No. 18); owing to the paucity of pupils and rather straitened circumstances of the rate-payers of Upper East Lake, No. 25—the Commissioners were induced to have this section replaced on the poor list.

The following amended list of sections entitled to extra grants from the Provincial and County Funds, will be of service to you in checking appropriations to this County for the current school year.

*South Inverness.*—S. W. Bridge, No. 13; S. W. Ridge, No. 14; Big Ridge, No. 31; Indson, No. 31½; Ross Mill, No. 41; Bluis Mill, No. 46; Mill Brook, No. 50½; Bluis Cove, No. 53; Boom, No. 54; New Creywish, No. 56; Lake Hortan, No. 56½; N. W. Arm, No. 57; Rear Long Point, No. 58; River Dennis Road, No. 59; Scotch Hill, No. 64; Big Harbour, No. 66; Seal Cove, No. 68; McKuyris' Brook, No. 70; and Duff's, No. 73—19 in all.

*North Inverness.*—Pleasant Bay, No. 1½; Cape Rouge, No. 3; Jacos, No. 8; N. E. Egypt, No. 16; Lake O'law, No. 17; S. Settlements, No. 19; Up. East Lake, No. 25; Lewis Mount, No. 27; Cody Settlement, No. 30; B. C. Ponds, No. 33; Rear Loch Bain, No. 38; Whyecomah Mount, No. 39; S. W. Egypt, No. 40; Window Lords, No. 41; Martin, No. 42; and Glenmore, No. 43—16 in all. Taking the whole county, there is a nett reduction of eleven sections—nine in the south and two in the north.

*School-houses.*—Buildings for school purposes are provided throughout the length and breadth of the County. 52 are finished externally and internally, and 86 externally and only partially internally.

During the year nearly *three thousand dollars* have been expended in providing increased accommodation.

A new school-house has been lately erected at Cape Rouge, another, a clear