RURAL SCHOOL CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

With the assistance of the officials of the Department, the following survey has been prepared which should be of great interest to the members of the Protestant Committee. A somewhat similar survey was made by Dr. Parmelee and his staff in 1922 and many of the figures quoted are by way of comparison as between the survey of 1922 and 1930.

		1922	1930
1.	Total Number of schools reported	607	623
2.	Number of uncertificated teachers	290	135

3. Schools open during the year:

10 mos.	9 mos.	8 mos.	7 mos.	6 mos.	5 mos.	4 mos.	3 mos.	2 mos.	YEAR
229	92	201	33	20	15	9	3	2	1922
373	95	97	21	18	10	6	2	1	1930

4. In 1922 321 schools were open 9 mos. and over and in 1930, 468 schools.
" 1922 283 " " " 8 " " less " " " 155 "
" " 29 " " " 5 " " " " " " 19 "

You will see from this that 25% of the total number of schools remained open 8 months or less. This does not mean that 25% of the total of more than 22,000 children enrolled in these schools were getting only training for 8 months or less but if you put the average attendance at the 155 schools open 8 months or less at 15 per school, it means that somewhere between 2000 and 2250 children or about 10% are getting training for only 8 months. In this statement no account is taken of the schools in St. Lambert, Verdun, Lachine and Westmount.

The outstanding feature of the above figures is the decrease in the number of uncertificated teachers during the period covered and the increase in the number of schools open for 10 months of the year.

The school attendance in some of the larger counties will be of interest to the members of the Committee. Only those counties having a large number of pupils enrolled are mentioned here.

COUNTIES	ENROLMENT	NO. OF SCHOOLS
Argenteuil	1408	46
Bonaventure	1117	35
Brome	1153	52
Compton	1252	31
Chateauguay	491	16
Chambly	569	10
Gaspe	694	21
Huntingdon	807	21
Hull	1217	36
Jacques Cartier(leaving out Verdun and Lachine	1168	8
Missisquoi	1034	24
Papineau	638	22
Pontiac	1483	54
Richmond	755	26
Shefford	556	13
Sherbrooke (of which the city of Sherbrooke has	1703 1155	14
Stanstead	1533	31
St Maurice (Shawinigan & 3 Rivers	626	2