

yet received a grant. The independent schools include Bishop's College School and St. Francis College School. As the 4 academies include 13 departments, the 6 model schools 15, and the 157 elementary schools 163 departments, each under separate and duly qualified teachers, there are really 191 departments or schools to be inspected. In these schools 9 male and 188 female teachers have been employed, from which it will be seen that there has been but little changing of teachers. Four of the male teachers and 31 of the female teachers held diplomas from McGill Normal School, 133 in all; from Protestant boards of examiners, 15 from Roman Catholic boards, and 14 held no diplomas. I can report but little change as regard salaries. I have been called upon to hold only one special audit, which resulted favorably for the School Board.

Owing to the remoteness of Richmond and Drummond counties from the points where the Institutes are held, comparatively few of the present teachers of these counties have attended the Institutes; but in other sections a large proportion of them have availed themselves of the benefit of these gatherings, much to the advantage of their schools. As I am making this report somewhat in advance of the usual time, I can only refer in anticipation to the Institutes to be held the present month, and express the earnest hope that they will be successful.

I am glad to notice indications of improvement in regard to the matter of school appliances, though these are not as marked or as general as I could wish. As this is generally the weakest point, I shall be happy to recognize such improvement in my classification of the municipalities. In that classification for this year, which I will now give, several municipalities have changed places since last year, Danville, on account of its new and excellent school building, moving well up into class 1; two or three changing, owing to improvements, from class 3 to class 2; and some, owing to short terms or other irregularities in one or more districts, dropping to class 3. I have also slightly varied the order of division, entering in class 1, all ranking above 50; in class 2, all ranking 40 and upwards; and in class 3, all below 40; the points being:—

1. The length and arrangement of the school..... 10 marks.
2. The condition of the schoolhouses and grounds... 10 “
3. The supply of appliances, blackboards, maps, etc.. 10 “
4. The use of the course of study..... 10 “
5. The use of uniform series of authorized text books 10 “
6. The salaries of teachers, and method of payment.. 10 “

CLASS 1ST.—EXCELLENT.

Sherbrooke.....	55	Lennoxville.....	53
Danville.....	54	Richmond.....	52
Waterloo.....	55	Granby (village).....	51