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To the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Sir,—Having completed my first year's work as Inspector for the Counties of Brome and Missisquoi, I beg leave herewith to submit my statistical report and the following statements:—

I find on comparing the present state of affairs with the last report of my esteemed predecessor, the late Mr. McLaughlin, that I have five more municipalities than existed at the time of his last report.

These are Eastman, Mansonville, Sweetsburgh, Stanbridge-East and Knowlton, which makes the present number 25.

I have visited the schools of every municipality, and each individual school twice during the year, in all cases where the schools have regularly been in session during the year.

I have succeeded in visiting each school which has been in operation during the year, with the exception of four, which were held only for a small portion of the year and were not in operation at the time of my visits.

In some cases, I have made three tours of inspection through some extended municipalities, in order, if possible, to see every school.

I have reported the statistics of *no* school that I have not been able to report upon by actual inspection.

There are, in my district of inspection, 181 school buildings, 28 of which have been vacant during the year.

There have been, of elementary schools, 141 in session, model schools 7, and academies 5, making a total of 153.

I am informed that several of the school buildings which have been closed during the past will be occupied in the coming year.

For some of these, teachers are even now engaged. Hence, I expect next year to report a larger number of schools in session. In the elementary schools, I have found 2970 pupils, in the model schools, 491. In the academies, 555, making a total of 4016 pupils in the schools of the two counties.

There are only seven teachers without diplomas, and several of these expect to present themselves next year for examination.

There are 156 female teachers including those who are teaching in the higher schools, and three male teachers in the elementary and ten in the higher schools, making a total of 169 teachers.

For the most part, these are doing very faithful work, and at my second visit, I was gratified with the evident progress made in the majority of the schools.

The Teachers' Institute, which was held in Cowansville, in July, was largely attended by the teachers of the district of Bedford, notwithstanding the fact that a new departure was inaugurated this year,