

corporation also deplores with me the existence of this state of things. The municipality is heavily in debt.

**St. André.**—This parish still continues to carry out the law in a highly satisfactory manner. My visits to its schools are to me a source of gratification, which only the friends of education can appreciate; they number seven, of which five are exceedingly well kept. Two amongst them are specially distinguished: those conducted by Miss Beaumont and Miss Sirois. The children in this parish manifest greater assiduity than those of the neighbouring parishes. There were 289 names entered in the school registers. The *matériel* of the schools, though not altogether such as would be desirable, is yet satisfactory enough. The arrears of assessment are small. The excellent results attained are in great part the work of the worthy president of the school Commissioners. Miss Beaumont, who trained several of the teachers of this parish, also deserves praise for the success which she has purchased at the price of long years of labor and devotedness.

**Notre-Dame du Portage.**—This little municipality, which consists of a section of the parish of St. André and a portion of the old parish of *Rivière-du-Loup*, contains but four sections, three of which have schools in operation. These three schools have produced pretty good results. Their course consists of the subjects required for elementary schools. The secretary-treasurer seemed anxious to discharge the duties of his office. The book containing proceedings is well kept and proves that the Commissioners are animated with a proper spirit.

**St. Edouard.**—The two schools in this municipality have been combined in one, under the care of Miss Vallée, a teacher of high ability. She has two assistants. The school is attended by 157 children: 80 boys and 77 girls. The teacher possesses the rare faculty of rendering their studies a pleasure to the children. The English and French languages are taught with equal success. The children are making great progress in reading, writing, grammar, geography, history, letter-writing, and arithmetic. This school is appreciated by the parents. It would be impossible to estimate all the good it effects in this locality. The salary of the teacher is £60. The new secretary-treasurer performs his duties with zeal and intelligence. I count on his good will for the collection of arrears which are too long passed due.

**St. Modeste de Whitworth.**—This municipality has two schools in operation. They are attended by 80 pupils, who have made satisfactory progress. The corporation have purchased a school-house in a central place. The branches taught are those required for elementary schools. The secretary-treasurer is a person highly competent for the duties of his office.

**Saint Pascal.**—This municipality has ten schools in operation. Two of them are exceedingly well kept, and leave nothing to be desired. Three may be considered as tolerably well conducted; four give but very meagre results, and the tenth is absolutely useless. These schools are attended by a total of 378 pupils. They are badly provided with benches, tables, maps, &c. In the two best are taught:—English, geography, history, and letter-writing. The school rates are pretty regularly paid; but the parents keep their children at home on the slightest pretexts. This is the chief cause of the little progress made in this parish. The books of accounts and record of proceedings are well kept.

**St. Helene.**—In this small municipality there are four schools, attended by 104 pupils. Reading, writing, a smattering of grammar and arithmetic, and the catechism, constitute the whole programme of instruction. Two additional schools at the least would be required to meet the requirements of the people, as they are scattered over a large extent of country. These schools are all inferior; but three of them are good enough to meet the requirements of their sections, if they were but better attended. The accounts are regularly kept, and the municipality had a balance in hand at the end of the year, with which it is wisely proposed to purchase materials required for the schools.

**St. Arsène.**—In this municipality there are five schools, attended by 225 pupils. Two of these schools are well kept; the other three are not such as one would expect to find in the midst of a wealthy people, friendly to education. Only one of them is provided with the usual requisites. All the branches prescribed for elementary schools are taught in four of them. In the fifth there is nothing taught but writing, reading, the first rules of arithmetic, and orthography. The secretary-treasurer performs the duties of his office with zeal and intelligence.

**Kakouna.**—There were six schools in operation during the first half of the year. They were attended by 109 pupils. The academy, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, commences under the most favorable auspices. The parish of Kakouna alone furnishes 24 boarders and nearly 30 half-boarders and day-scholars. The total number of pupils is 60. Besides the branches required for model school, vocal and instrumental music and various branches of fancy-work and practical needlework are taught. Two of the other schools are pretty well kept; but the remaining three are not conducted in a satisfactory manner. I regret to find that there is less zeal and punctuality than formerly in profiting by the schools, paying the school-rates, and generally in everything relating to education. The accounts of the corporation are kept in tolerably good order.

**Isle-Verte.**—Only four schools have been in operation during the first half of the year. They were attended by 289 pupils. The academy, conducted by Mlle. Casault, a highly competent teacher, has been attended by 170 pupils, with the most satisfactory results. This institution is one of the best in the whole district. All the branches required for superior schools for girls have been taught with much success in this academy. Mlle. Gagné, a pupil of Mlle. Casault's, is now her assistant. She is entitled, in view of the zeal and devotedness she has exhibited, to a share of the praise due to this establishment. Miss H. Johnson also conducts her school in a satisfactory manner. The Commissioners deemed it advisable to reduce the number of schools from nine to four, in order to be able to support the academy. This change caused some murmurs; but the people are now convinced that it is better to have fewer schools and have them good. The finances are in a satisfactory state; but the assessments are paid in slowly.

**Saint Eloi.**—This municipality had only three schools in operation this year, the corporation having diminished the number. These schools were attended by 128 children. One of them kept by Miss Perreault, may be classed as very good; the other two are inferior to the first, the only branches taught being reading, writing, the elements of grammar, arithmetic and the catechism. The account books and record of proceedings are kept in a satisfactory manner.

**Trois-Pistoles.**—In this parish there are ten schools, attended by 437 children. Those conducted by Misses Bouchard, Lavoie and Gagné are very good; four of the others are tolerably good and meet the requirements of the people for the present; the other three are middling and give but very meagre results. It is only by increasing the rate that this parish can secure proper teachers: for the people are not willing to diminish the number of schools, and here as in other parishes every one wants to have them at his own door. The assessments are punctually paid, and the books of accounts and records of proceedings are kept in an unexceptionable manner.

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## MONTHLY SUMMARY.

### EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—An order of the Minister of Public Instruction, in France, directs all the *lycées* to keep regular and descriptive catalogues of their collections of natural history, libraries, scientific and philosophical apparatus.

—The *School and the Teacher*, a London periodical, publishes under the title "*A hint from Canada*," the appointments which have recently appeared in our journal, of several teachers to the office of Inspector of Schools.

—The Corporation of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, is raising funds for the erection of buildings and for the partial endowment of the school, including the establishment of a Professorship of French. The sum of \$20,000 is wanted for building purposes, and \$30,000 for Endowment. Something over \$6,000 had already been promised for the former object, and for the latter, eleven shares of \$500 each had been taken, entitling the holder of each share to present a pupil free of charge for tuition, in perpetuity. The building could not be completed till next midsummer twelve months, subscriptions payable at six, or nine, or even twelve months, would be no less acceptable than ready money. The School is to be placed on the same ground with the College, and instruction to be given in it, to a certain extent, by the Professors of the College.—*Montreal Gazette*.