

EDUCATION REPORT, 1873.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,

Halifax, March, 1874.

To the Honorable The Provincial Secretary,

SIR,—It again becomes my duty and pleasure to submit to you, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, my Annual Report as Superintendent of Education for the year ending 31st October, 1873.

In accordance with the mode pursued by me in past years, I shall divide my remarks into separate sections according to the particular subjects to which they severally refer.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SECTIONS.

By a reference to the table on page A, it will be seen that the total number of School sections for the year 1873, was 1704, being an increase of 25 over those of the preceding year, through the division of larger sections and the formation of new ones. It will be seen from the same table, that the number of sections without schools during any part of the year 1873, was 208, against 250 in the preceding year, thus shewing a decrease of 42 in the number of sections not having schools. The sum of these two numbers, (67), is therefore the actual increase in the number of sections having schools during some part of the year. This increase is one of the most gratifying facts in the history of the school year, as it indicates a progressive spirit, and demonstrates, that, notwithstanding all discouragements, there is among the people an energetic resolution to obtain for their children an education. This spirit must be regarded as the natural development of the Educational system, as provided for by our Law, and which, under the guardianship and influence of Christian principle and integrity