

claring that fifteen would be quite enough to accommodate all the pupils. In Barnston a similar condition obtains, and in Compton also, but to a less extent. In the latter township five schools have been closed within the last three years, and another having but three pupils in attendance this year will not again be opened. The Commissioners in all cases have undertaken to consider the question with a serious intention to reduce the number of schools, to provide for the conveyance of pupils and to lengthen the school term, which now is but eight months in duration. It is to be hoped that the proposed experiment will be successfully carried out in these townships where the need for it is great and the opportunities are specially good.

Similar visits have been arranged for with Inspector Hewton for the first week of December, and promised to Inspectors Parker, McQuat and McGregor for later dates not yet fixed. As the Province is so large, the Secretary found it difficult to visit the principal localities, even once, without serious neglect of his office work, but he felt that the greatest opportunity for really effective work on his part lay in this direction.

A report concerning the business arrangements of the Record was read by the Secretary and placed on file.

The sub-committee on Normal School finances reported progress and was continued with the addition of Mr. Whyte and Mr. Rexford.

The interim report of the Inspector of superior schools was read and placed on file.

Resolved,—"That, having regard to his long connection as a member of this Committee, and otherwise with the school education of the Province, this Committee cannot separate without placing on record an expression of the respect with which they will ever cherish the memory of the late Sir J. Wm. Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S. A leader in scientific thought, a devoted teacher, a warm supporter of every good work, religious and educational and charitable, he has left behind him a life record which will form a permanent part of his country's history."

After the rough minutes had been read, the meeting adjourned till the last Friday and Saturday of February, the second meeting to be devoted to elementary education, and both to be held in Montreal.

GEO. W. PARMELEE,
Secretary.