

ber of children of both sexes. That of the Misses Lefebvre has not less than 148 scholars.

Notre Dame de la Victoire.—The schools in this parish are all well kept and regularly attended. The model school, kept by Mr. F. Letellier, has made extraordinary progress although attended by 146 scholars.

St. Isidore.—I was satisfied with the manner in which the schools of this place are kept, particularly those taught by Misses Boutin and Turgeon.

St. Bernard.—I visited this parish about the 15 of June last, and found all the schools closed. The final examination had taken place two days before my arrival. It was said the progress of the pupils had given general satisfaction. I informed the secretary-treasurer of my intention to visit the schools of the neighborhood in the autumn. I told him also that it would be better to fix the vacations at the same time adopted by other municipalities, that is to say during harvest, that by fixing the time as at present at the end of the school year, they caused the children to lose a great deal of time; as after their holiday months in June and July, they do not return to school until after harvest. The secretary, who is a judicious person, promised to use his influence to induce the commissioners to remove the inconvenience.

St. Anselme.—The schools of this large municipality are all well kept. The convent of the Reverend Sisters of *Jésus-Marie* seems to promise brilliant results. The same system of tuition is adopted as that of *St. Joseph de Lévis*. I regret that for the present year, the model school for girls has been suspended. I believe it will be found necessary to resort to the compulsory system of taxation, as the only means of keeping up good elementary schools at all times, as well as a good model school for boys in the school district at the church, which does not now exist. The want of such a school is the more severely felt just now that its advantages are understood.

Ste. Marguerite.—Of six schools in this municipality, two only are kept by teachers who have diplomas, nevertheless, I was satisfied with the progress made by the pupils, particularly by those of the schools kept by the Misses Philomène Boutin and Vaillancourt. In the school kept by the latter, I saw fifteen children who had learned to read in the short space of three months. The curé of this parish has a thousand difficulties to contend with in keeping up his schools; there, too, it shall be necessary to have recourse to compulsory contributions. I set about preparing the inhabitants for this, and it was no slight affair, I assure you.

Ste. Hédine.—The schools of this little place are well kept and regularly attended.

Ste. Claire.—The model school of this parish is still well taught and attended by numerous pupils. I am also very well satisfied with the elementary schools, although several fall short of my expectations. In general, the accounts of the secretary-treasurers are well, conscientiously, and intelligibly kept in my district, method alone is wanting in some of them. This report is accompanied by a comparative statement of superior instruction in the counties of Lévis and Dorchester, for the year 1860 and 1864.

I shall have to distribute, in my approaching visit, 59 volumes remaining from the year before last, and 264 volumes remaining from the last.

In my last visit, I received no particular complaint relative to the schools.

Extract from the Report of Inspector HUME.

COUNTY OF MEGANTIC AND PART OF THE COUNTIES OF DORCHESTER AND BEAUCE.

SIR,—I have the honor to make the following report of the progress of education in my district of inspection, making, as usual, some observations upon the scholastic affairs of such municipality, commencing with those in the county of Beauce.

COUNTY OF BEAUCE.

St. Victor de Tring.—There have been four schools in operation in this municipality under the control of the commissioners, but one had been closed at the time of my last visit. Since the month of July last, there was also an independent school in a remote part of the municipality. The present teacher of the chief school is much better qualified than several of her predecessors were, and considerable progress has, in consequence, been made by the pupils. In the other schools no unusual progress has been made. The commissioners have changed their secretary-treasurer; the newly-appointed one appears to keep his accounts with regularity. A considerable portion of arrears of assessment has been collected. A new schoolhouse has been built in the principal district, which was much wanted, the old one being unfit for the accommodation of the pupils.

St. Ephrem de Tring.—Some change has been made in the limits of this municipality by an Act of Parliament passed in 1863, dividing the township of Tring into two municipalities, which took effect from the first of January last. The annexing of a part of the sixth range (which formerly formed part of *St. Victor*) to *St. Ephrem* is a great advantage; it has enabled the commissioners of the latter place to establish a school in that range, where none had been for a number of years, part of the inhabitants of the range having previously belonged to one municipality and part to another. Three schools are in operation with qualified teachers, but one district is still vacant. There was also an independent school kept during a period of the year. Although many of the inhabitants are poor, I am happy to say that the amount owing by the commissioners is much less than it was last year, and that the arrears of assessment due have also decreased.

Forsyth.—There are two schools in operation, and it is in contemplation to establish another one. One of the schools has been well attended and some progress made, but at the other the attendance has been, as usual, very irregular. The commissioners are entirely free from debt, and but a very small amount of arrears is due by the inhabitants.

Lambton.—In this municipality there is nothing of any importance to record since the date of my last report. There are two schools, with the same teachers who were engaged last year; both of them are well qualified, and the schools were numerously attended, and much progress made. The amount of arrears due is much the same as it was last year.

Aylmer.—There are four schools in operation in this municipality; the teachers are all very well qualified one of them has a diploma from the Laval Normal School. Some progress has been made in those schools where there has been a good attendance; but in one or two the pupils attend very irregularly, especially in the summer season. The commissioners have paid a considerable portion of their debt, and the arrears of assessment due are less than they were last year.

Shenly.—I regret to say there has been no school in operation in this municipality this year; being a new settlement, and the inhabitants being, from various causes, very much dispersed, there is scarcely a sufficient number of children within a reasonable distance in any locality to form a school. The inhabitants are also, in general, very poor.

Broughton.—In this municipality the school commissioners have determined to support their schools by assessment, and the rate has been levied for that purpose; but as circumstances delayed the imposing of the rate, scarcely any of it has yet been paid.

This resolution encountered great opposition from a certain number of the ratepayers, but it has now almost entirely ceased. The curé of the locality, the Rev. Messire Huot, has displayed great zeal for the advancement of education. Two female teachers have been engaged by the commissioners, one of whom holds a diploma from the Laval Normal School, and the commissioners propose to engage several others next year.

In this municipality the Protestants are dissentients, and they have a school in operation which is attended by a great number of pupils. They have also adopted the system of assessments. They have collected a portion of the taxes imposed for the present year. During a certain portion of the year there has been an Independent School in operation in this municipality.

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER.

West Frampton.—There are only two schools in operation in this municipality, and one of these had been abandoned by its teacher a short time before my arrival in October last, and her successor has not yet been appointed. A female teacher had been engaged by a certain number of French Canadians who reside in this municipality; this teacher was to open her school on the 1st December last. There is no dissentient school in this municipality, the dissentients not being in a position to pay for a teacher. The Rev. Mr. Rousseau, the chairman of the commissioners, makes the same complaint as Mr. Paradis, of the impossibility of obtaining competent teachers. The school in operation at the time of my last visit was attended by a large number of children, and considerable progress had been made.

Standon.—Since the appointment of the present teacher the school in this township has been attended by a large number of pupils, and I remarked very satisfactory progress. I have every reason to believe that another school will soon be opened in the back concession, in which hitherto the inhabitants have been too poor and too scattered to maintain a school.

Crabbourne.—There have been three schools in operation in this municipality at different periods of the year, but none of the teachers held diplomas. When I inspected the municipality last year one of the teachers intimated his intention of going to Quebec for the pur-