

\$8 to \$20 per month for males, and \$5 to \$12 for females, and board. It is difficult under these circumstances, to make an exact estimate of salary, as the varying price of board as well as the number of months employed should be taken into account. The more usual price at which teachers are hired is \$12 to \$14 for males, and \$7 to \$8 for females (and board), per calendar month.

There are 7 public libraries, containing an aggregate of 2,881 volumes.

I have been able, during the year, to send you a few subscriptions for the Educational Journal, and hope to be able to obtain more; I shall do what I can in this respect to meet your wishes.

In conclusion, I may repeat that on the whole I find reason for encouragement in the indications of progress in the schools and in the municipalities under my direction; and I have full confidence that the next year will show a good increase in the number of schools, and I hope also in their progress. I shall do all in my power to aid in awakening an interest among the people, particularly in the new settlements, and to assist in rendering the working of the law efficient.

Extract from the Report of Mr. Inspector PARMELEE.

COUNTIES OF MISSISSQUOI, BROME, AND SHEFFORD.

The very unusual state of the weather and the roads the past winter have rendered it a task of no ordinary difficulty to make my tour of inspection, yet I am happy to report that I have succeeded in visiting every school in my district, with the exception of three independent schools in Ely, and two in South Stuckeley.

I have found a satisfactory state of management and prosperity existing generally.

The municipality of *Milton*, which has been pre-eminent for bad management, has but one school in operation this year under control of the commissioners, though there are six districts in which there might have been good schools constantly maintained with the funds that have been absorbed in law-suits that have had their origin solely in bad management and neglect of duty.

Their indebtedness since my last Report has been reduced from twelve hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars, and as their rates are now in the hands of the Municipal Council for collection, there is a prospect that, in the course of the present year, their debts may be wholly liquidated.

In the municipality of *Roxton*, I find some irregularities that I feel it my duty to bring under your special notice. In examining the register of the school commissioners, I find that in all their meetings for business, the trustees of the academy meet and act with them in managing the affairs that the law confides solely to the commissioners.

Again, in examining the accounts, I find various sums entered as paid to the teacher of the academy, and also to the contractor for building the academy, thus illegally mixing up the affairs of an incorporated academy and the school commissioners, which are two distinct corporations.

In the municipality of *St. Romuald* the ratepayers are still burthened with a heavy debt, for which a special assessment has been authorised and collected, but misappropriated by the Commissioners, the particulars of which I communicated to you last fall, in a special report.

There is still another grievance to which I must refer. A number of Irish Catholics, who send to the English school, have been sued for rates by the commissioners the past winter, and subjected to costs and much inconvenience, contrary to an express agreement made in my presence some years since, between the commissioners and the trustees of the dissentient schools, by which the former promised to allow the said Irish Catholics to pay their rates and scholar fees to the trustees, so long as they actually sent to the dissentient schools. This arrangement certainly was but a matter of strict justice, if not of law, since otherwise they would be subjected to double scholar fees, and I know not on what principle the commissioners can justify their conduct in contravening the above mutual arrangement.

The municipality of *Sutton* is still considerably indebted. I believe, however, they are making some progress in liquidating their debts, and, notwithstanding the above difficulties, they have kept their schools in successful operation.

From a recent change of Secretary-Treasurers, the one last appointed was not in a situation to show the exact amount of their indebtedness at my last visit.

The municipality of *Potton*, which has heretofore been in arrears,

I am happy to report as having discharged entirely their indebtedness, and, with the exception that they do not keep their schools up the full term of time required by law, and that they much need several new school-houses, they may be ranked among the municipalities that may justly be styled prosperous.

I deem it right also to direct attention to the management of the dissentient corporation of *Granby*, as it appears to me not calculated to subserve the best interests of the rate-payers, who, though generally poor, are nevertheless anxious to secure to their children the benefit of a common school education. The greatest good of the greatest number certainly is not promoted by devoting so large a proportion of their limited funds, as they do, to the support of a model school—the only one in my district of inspection—in which the whole number of pupils on the journal this year is only twelve, and last year was only nine, the average attendance being of course still less. This school is not needed, and the funds devoted to it are needed to support the other schools, any one of which is fully equal to this, and some of them decidedly superior to it in advancement. The only reason I have heard assigned for continuing this school is to secure the special grant made to it by Government. I would therefore respectfully recommend the discontinuance of this grant, as the funds might be much more profitably applied elsewhere.

As to the other portions of my district of inspection, there is nothing that calls for special remark, they being decidedly prosperous and praiseworthy.

The schools, both superior and elementary, are good; the teachers are competent, and the administration of matters pertaining to the scholars, by the different officers in charge, is prompt and efficient; excepting in *Milton*, above mentioned, the elementary schools are nearly all in successful operation, as are also the high schools or academies, excepting the one at *West Brome*.

You will see by the accompanying table of statistics, that comparatively few of the teachers are furnished with diplomas as required by law; still I can safely report, that those without diplomas are, in all respects, as well qualified for their vocation as those who have them, and so soon as Boards of Examiners shall be established that are reasonably accessible, this apparent anomaly of teachers without diplomas will no longer exist.

It remains only to submit a summary from the accompanying Table of Statistics, in order to give a full view of the state of education in my district of inspection.

The number of high schools or academies in operation is 13, attended by 707 pupils. Of superior girls' schools 2, with 76 pupils. Model school, 1, with 12 pupils. Of elementary schools, 235, with 6,675 pupils. Of the elementary schools, 24 are dissentient, with 747 pupils, and 10 are independent, in 5 of which there are 94 pupils; the number in the remaining 5 not known. The total number of scholars in all the above schools is 7470, of whom 4031 are boys, and 3439 girls; 5489 are of English origin, and 1981 of French origin; 5221 are Protestants, and 2249 Catholics; 1252 are learning their alphabet and spelling; 2831 read currently, and 3387 read well; 4161 are learning to write; 1752 simple arithmetic, and 2228 compound arithmetic; 120, book-keeping; 1497, geography; 437, orthography; 472, French grammar; 1195, English grammar; 1187, epistolary art or composition; 23, linear drawing; 27, instrumental music; 307, history; 211, algebra; 48, natural philosophy; 54, geometry, and 22 astronomy. 12 are learning the Greek language, 85 the Latin. 57 English scholars are learning French, and 219 French scholars are learning English.

The total number of male teachers in the elementary schools is 76, of whom 15 only have diplomas. The total number of female teachers is 154, of whom 29 have diplomas.

Extract from Inspector HUBERT's Report for 1862.

COUNTIES OF ST. MAURICE, MASKINONGÉ AND CHAMPLAIN.

In the three counties of Maskinongé, St. Maurice and Champlain, forming Mr. Hubert's district of inspection, there were 29 municipalities, subdivided into 128 school districts. The number of schools in operation under the control of Commissioners was 119, classified as follows: 108 elementary schools, 10 model schools, and 1 academy. There were also 2 dissentient schools, under the control of Trustees, the whole forming a total of 121 schools with an aggregate attendance of 6,321 pupils.

Besides these schools, this district of inspection maintained 1 college, 3 convents, 1 girls' academy, 3 boys' academies, and 2 mixed elementary schools, affording instruction to 679 additional