

reports and of the operations of the School Act during the last year which have come under our notice, were stated by D. D'Everardo, Esquire, to the Municipal Council of the Niagara District, and are inserted in this number of the *Journal of Education*, (pp. 87-90.) Mr. D'Everardo's statement is a model report of the kind; and as such deserves the attention of all District Superintendents,—while the facts which it contains furnish an appropriate reply to the objections which have been made to the present system of schools. It appears from Mr. D'Everardo's interesting statistics, that there has been an increase of ten per cent over the preceding year in the time during which the schools have been kept open, and of *eighteen* per cent in the attendance of children at the schools. It is also worthy of remark, that there has not been a single complaint or appeal to the Education Office from the Niagara District during the past year. The Council took great pains on the new act coming into operation, in organizing the School Sections, and selected a judicious and able Superintendent. The difference in the operations of the system in the Niagara and some other Districts cannot arise from a difference in the law and instructions and forms, but must be owing to a difference in the indulgence of party feeling, in the knowledge and attention of Councillors in school matters, in the intelligence and public spirit of local school officers and people.

We believe that the annual reports from other Districts will furnish results equally satisfactory with those stated by the Niagara District Superintendent. We have as yet been able to examine but two of these reports—just received. In the small District of Taibot, there was an increase of six per cent in the school attendance of children for 1847 over 1846, and an increase of *sixty per cent* in the amount of *School Rate-bill*. The amount of rate-bill paid in 1846 (independent of the Legislative Grant and Council Assessment,) was £556 8s. 5d.; in 1847, £892 18s. 2½d.; increase of rate-bill in favour of 1847, £336 9s. 9d.

In the Johnstown District, there is a *decrease* of twelve per cent in the number of Schools (many sections having been enlarged;) but an increase of *thirteen* per cent in the school attendance of children, and of *forty-two per cent* in the amount of school rate-bills. The amount of rate-bills in this District for 1846 (independent of the Legislative Grant and Council Assessment) was £1520 11s. 3½d.; for 1847, £2141 10s. 8d.; increase in favour of 1847, £620 19s. 4½d. The rate-bills and school attendance of children being voluntary in each Section, indicate the real feeling of the people.

In the Brock District we perceive that the *average* salaries of Teachers for 1847, was from £50 to £80; and in the Wellington District the Superintendent states the increase of children in attendance at the school in 1847 over that of 1846, to be upwards of 1000.