

included as an obligatory study,) though this does not prevent any pupil from taking all the subjects in his grade, and making, if he succeeds in all of them, a percentage beyond 100.

The Grand Total Marks taken by Huntingdon this year is exceptionally large, while those of the other academies is about the average. With the exception of Aylmer, Three Rivers and Clarenceville, all the grades are fully represented in the academies. In Three Rivers the numbers in attendance continue small, on account of the decline in the English population in that city, though the Commissioners deserve commendation for their efforts in carrying out the regulations. Aylmer has had an exceptional year. As an academy seems to be a necessity in this locality, and as the Commissioners have taken steps to secure better results for the future, it would be anything but encouragement to take it off the list of academies. In regard to Clarenceville there does not appear to be any likelihood of its sustaining its position as an academy. Among the model schools, I would advise the placing of Sutton and Cookshire on the list of academies, beginning with next year, whereas, if better results cannot be secured from Sorel, Como, and Hatley, I would advise their being taken from the list of model schools. I have in my general report recommended Valleyfield for a grant as a model school, and also Sawyerville, when arrangements are completed for its separation from the school municipality of Eaton.

The surmise that more attention is being given to the study of Latin, Greek and Mathematics than to what have been called the ordinary subjects, has been shown to be groundless by the numbers in the tabular form of this and last year, and the time has come to urge upon our teachers more thoroughness in preparing their pupils in what have been called the higher branches. In referring to some of the other subjects particularly, I have to say that the hope I expressed about Spelling, as judged by the Dictation paper, last year has been in a large measure realized, there being but few failures in any of the schools. In this connection I would again recommend that the marks for a pass in reading and dictation be made the same as for a pass in the other branches, and that Regulation 81 be changed to that effect, in view of the fact that a change is necessitated in the wording of the regulation at any rate by the action of the A. A. Board of Examiners at their meeting in May. I would also urge that Regulation 83 be abolished, unless it be understood that the pupils of Grade I. Academy, may take the A. A. Preliminary papers.