

It is now well known that Northwest of Minnesota the country reaching from the Selkirk Settlement to the Rocky Mountains, and from lat. 49 deg. to 54 deg. is as favorable to grain and animal productions as any of the Northern States; that the mean temperature for spring, summer and autumn observed in the forty-second and forty-third parallels in New York, Michigan and Wisconsin, has been accurately traced through Fort Snelling and the valley of the Saskatchewan to latitude 55 degrees on the Pacific coast. Of the present community of the Settlement, numbering over 10,000, about 5,000 are competent to assume any civil or social responsibility which may be imposed upon them. The accumulations from the fur trade during fifty years, with few excitements or opportunities of expenditure, have secured general prosperity, with frequent instances of affluence; while the numerous churches and schools sustain a high standard of morality and intelligence. The present agriculture of the Settlement confirms the evidence from a variety of sources, to which we shall afterwards refer, that the districts west and north west of the Red River valley are well adapted to settlement. For the production of wheat, barley, rye, oats, peas, potatoes, vegetables, etc., the region in question will be unsurpassed by any other area of similar extent on the continent, and capable, it is estimated, of feeding forty millions of people. A writer eloquently remarks:—"Are these innumerable fields of hay for ever destined to be consumed by fire, or perish in the autumnal snows? How long shall these superb forests be the haunts of wild beasts? And these inexhaustible quarries,—these abundant mines of coal, gold, silver, lead, sulphur, iron, copper, salt and saltpetre,—can it be that they are doomed to remain for ever inactive? Not so, the day will come when some laboring hand will give them value; a strong, active and enterprising people are destined to fill this spacious void. The wild beasts will, ere long, give place to our domestic animals; flocks and herds will graze in the beautiful meadows that border the numberless mountains, hills, valleys and plains, of this extensive region."

There are three religious denominations here, which are divided as follows:

FAMILIES AND CHURCHES.

Roman Catholics,	554 families,	3 Churches,
Episcopalian,	383 "	4 "
Presbyterian,	60 "	2 "

exclusive of the settlement of Prairie Portage and the Indian missionary village. Education is in a far more advanced state in the colony than its isolation and brief career might claim for it under the peculiar circumstances in which the country has been so long placed. There are seventeen schools in the settlement, generally under the supervision of the ministers of the denomination to which they belong. One of the Episcopalian clergymen remarks, "On the ground of education, let none fear to make trial of the country. The parochial school connected with my own chapel, is equal to most parochial schools which I have known in England, in range of subjects superior to most, though in method and in the apparatus of the school necessarily a little inferior."

At present there is a great want of good tradesmen in the settlement, especially blacksmiths, carpenters and masons; also a good tanner and one or two boot and shoemakers, and a tailor, would also do well to save the importation of this bulky and necessary article. There are among the principal merchants several who would no doubt be glad to assist in giving a start to such tradesmen coming to settle among us. Our next article will commence with our resources and their means of development, beginning with Agricultural Industry.—*Nor'-Wester*.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



APPOINTMENTS.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 22nd April, 1867, to approve the following appointments of School Commissioners, viz:

County of Charlevoix, St. Irénée—M. Damase Gauthier.

County of Missisquoi, St. Thomas—Mr. Ira Young.
County of Ottawa, Ripon—Mr. Joseph Sabourin.
County of Shefford, South Ely—Mr. J. B. Lefebvre.
County of Shefford, St. Côme—Mr. J. B. Fafard.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 31st May, 1867, to approve of the following appointments of School Commissioners, viz:

County of Vaudreuil, Ste Justine de Newton—Mr Angus Campbell.
County of Maskinongé, Peterborough—Messrs Narcisse Fréchette, Prosper Lanoie, Hyacinthe Desjardins, Pierre Desjardins and Gonzague St. Jean.

County of Bonaventure, Isle Bonaventure—Messrs. William Carcand, Thomas E Butlin, J P Lamb, Philippe Leconteur and L. Hennessey.

County of Shefford, St. Valérie de Milton—Mr. Alexandre Dussault.

County of Gaspé, Barre-à-Cheoir—Messrs Jean Baptiste Blondin and John Lafolly.

County of Argenteuil, Gore and Wentworth—Messrs Thomas Evans, William T. Christie, Alexander Arnott, William Miller and John Chambers.

County of Argenteuil, Mille Isles, No. Two—Messrs. Charles Moore, James Morrow, Richard McCormick, Solomon Pollock and William Dawson.

County of Argenteuil, Mille Isles, No Three—Messrs. James Day, William Boyd, Richard McCormick, Robert Foard and William Elliott.

TRUSTEES OF DISSIDENT SCHOOLS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 22nd April, 1867, to approve the following appointments of Trustees of Dissident Schools, viz:

County of Lévis, St. Romuald—Mr. Edwin Marchmont.

County of Megantic, Inverness—Mr. John Gorman.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 31st May, 1867, to appoint the following Trustees of Dissident Schools:

County of St. Maurice, St. Etienne—Messrs. William G. Hamilton, François F. Roy and John Baptist.

RICHMOND BOARD OF CATHOLIC EXAMINERS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 20th of April, 1867, to direct that the Richmond Roman Catholic Board of Examiners of School Teachers shall hold its meetings at Danville, in the County of Richmond.

NOTICE TO DIRECTORS

OF INSTITUTIONS CLAIMING AID ON THE GRANT FOR SUPERIOR EDUCATION UNDER THE ACT 19 VICT., CAP. 54.

1st. No Institution shall be entitled to, or receive any aid, unless the application therefore and the return be filled within the period prescribed, that it is to say before the first day of August next. No exception will be made under any pretence whatsoever.

2nd. Acknowledgment of the receipt of such application and return will be made immediately to the party forwarding same.

3rd. Any party not receiving such acknowledgment within eight days after mailing the documents, should make enquiries at the Post Office and also at this Office; failing which, such application and return will be deemed as not having been sent in.

4th. Blank forms will be transmitted during the first fortnight in June, to all Institutions now on the list; and Institutions not receiving them during that period must apply for them at this Office.

5th. Institutions not on the list, that may be desirous of making the necessary application and return, can obtain the requisite blank forms by applying for them at this Office.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

School Commissioners and Trustees of Dissident Schools are requested to transmit to this Office, as in duty bound, the names in full of all persons elected by the Ratepayers to fill places connected with the Public Schools in Lower Canada, together with the date of each election, whether such election took place during the month of July or at any other time. As this information is indispensable, parties not complying with the present Notice will be deprived of the grant.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Teachers' signatures attached to Semi-Annual School Reports, should invariably correspond with their names and surnames as given by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners from which they obtained the