

Total number of pupils attending the academies and Catholic schools, 386. The Commissioners' secretary discharges his duties efficiently. The dissentient school is conducted by Miss. Phillips, a teacher who is certainly deserving of honorable mention, and whose arduous labors are crowned with success; her school is attended by 25 pupils. The accounts are well kept.

St. Anne du Bout de l'Île.—This municipality has three schools and 105 pupils. The schools conducted by Mlles. Tassé and Fontaine, are well kept, and an honor to their teachers. The third school has been greatly neglected since my January visit. The accounts are well enough kept, but the municipality is encumbered with a debt arising from a law-suit, which was imprudently commenced by former Commissioners.

Lachine.—There are four schools in this municipality under the control of the Commissioners, and one under dissentient trustees. The first are attended by 163 pupils. Mlle. Roque's school does honor to Mlle. Aussem, an excellent teacher of whom Mlle. Roque was a pupil. The schools conducted by Mrs. Côté and Mme. Paré, are especially remarkable for good order and discipline, the want of which was felt, under their predecessor. The school at Côte St. Paul is very backward. There is also a literary institute in this parish. The accounts are well kept. The dissentient school conducted by an excellent teacher, Mr. Thomas Allan, is attended by 64 pupils. The Commissioners and Trustees of this municipality are equally deserving of praise for their good will.

St. Genesève.—In this municipality there is a girl's school conducted by the *Sœurs de Ste. Anne*, and three elementary schools, with a total of 244 pupils. The academy is everything that could be desired; its prudent discipline is calculated to educate as well as to instruct. The village school is well kept; the other two are pretty good, but there is great room for improvement. The accounts are well kept.

Municipalité du haut de Ste. Genesève.—In this municipality there is one school, attended by 30 pupils; they are not sufficiently punctual in their attendance to make great progress. The accounts are well kept.

Pointe Claire.—This municipality has a model school for boys, conducted by the Friars of St. Joseph; an academy for girls, by the *Sœurs de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame*, and four elementary schools, with a total of 250 pupils. The classes at the academy are taught with the greatest success. I regret to say that those of the model school are not what they ought to be. The classes are backward as a whole and in their details, and very inferior to what they were in previous years. Mlle. Clement's school is very well kept; the others give satisfactory results. The teachers are deserving of higher salaries. The accounts of the secretary-treasurer are greatly in arrears.

COUNTY OF SOULANGES.

Soulanges ou Cédres.—In this municipality there is an academy for girls conducted by the Ladies of the *Congrégation de Notre-Dame*, and four elementary schools, with a total of 259 pupils. The academy gives the most satisfactory results. The school under Mr. Joassin (who has been for the last forty years and more, devoted to teaching in this locality) is remarkable for discipline and the progress of its pupils. Mr. Joassin teaches the Gregorian chant with success. The other schools are more or less successful. The accounts are kept in a perfectly orderly manner. My thanks are due to the Rev. Mr. Roux, the parish priest, and to Mr. A. Roy, both of them school Commissioners, for the assistance they have given me in this municipality and for their zeal in accompanying me in all my visits.

St. Ignace.—The four schools in this municipality have a total of 225 pupils. Those kept by Messrs. Flotte, Tassé, and Hermann, are good, and worthy of the interest evinced in them by the parents of the children. The fourth is very backward. The accounts are very much in arrears.

St. Clot.—This municipality has four schools, attended by 152 pupils. Mr. Gareau and Mr. Gravelle, deserve praise for their close attention. The success of the pupils attending the school at Côte Emmanuel, did not by any means fulfil the hopes I had conceived at the time of my previous visit. The fourth school is very backward, and makes no progress. The Commissioners and rate-payers deserve praise for their eagerness to be present at my visits. The manner in which the accounts are conducted and the finances administered, is such as reflects credit on the Commissioners and their secretary-treasurer.

St. Zotique.—In this municipality there are four schools, attended by a total of 168 pupils. Mr. Beaudry is an excellent

teacher, and deserving of the highest praise; I found a dozen pupils in his school capable of passing creditably the examination required for obtaining a teacher's certificate. Mlle. Caron's school is more remarkable for good discipline than for the progress of its pupils; the other two are pretty well conducted. The dissentient school at Côteau Landing is attended by 40 pupils. There is little progress made in this school in consequence of frequent changes of teachers. At the same place, Miss Roebuck keeps an independent school attended by 30 young girls; this school seems to give satisfactory results.

St. Polycarpe or Nouvelle Longueuil.—The Commissioners of this municipality have nine school-houses, all well built, conveniently located and furnished. They are attended by 402 pupils. Those kept by Messrs. Charland, Pionte, and Séguin, and Mmes. Lewis and Asselin, are conducted with much ability and energy, and are very well attended. The school at Côte Ste. Marie is now backward, that of Côte St. George is closed for repairs to building; the Côte St. André and Rivières a Beaudel school is poorly attended, in consequence of ill feeling on the part of some of the parents, the result of difficulties connected with the selection of a site for the school-house. The president of the Commissioners Mr. Taylor, evinces laudable zeal, and Mr. Manseau, the secretary-treasurer keeps his accounts with regularity and exactness. The dissentient school at Côte St. George is attended by 60 pupils; it is kept by Mr. McQuig, a young teacher, worthy of more than my highest need of praise. The striking neatness of the school-room, the manners of the pupils, and their prompt and satisfactory answers, reflect the greatest credit on this school. Several of the branches included in the programme for secondary English or grammar schools, are taught with success. I must also return my thanks to the Rev. Mr. Livingston for aiding me by attending during my visit. The accounts are kept in perfect order.

Nornton.—There are two schools in this municipality, attended by 66 pupils. Miss Butterfield's school is well kept, and the pupils make marked progress. It is gratifying to find such a good school in a new settlement, in fact in the heart of the woods. The accounts are well kept by Mr. McKutcheon, the secretary-treasurer.

COUNTY OF VAUDREUIL.

Ile Perrot.—Here there are two schools, with a total of 50 pupils. This island is nearly seven leagues in circumference, and the rate-payers of one of the *Côtes* or concessions have been endeavouring to get a school; but the Commissioners have always opposed it; thus undoubtedly depriving a large number of young persons of the benefits of education. Mlle. Poirier's school still continues to progress. Mr. Lantier's school is attended by only some fifteen pupils, and the number cannot increase owing to the situation of the school. The accounts are well kept.

St. Martha.—The academy in this parish is conducted with much success by Mr. Green. His salary is \$500, and the money could not be expended to better purpose. Mr. Green spends from eight to ten hours a-day in teaching, and the anxiety with which he follows the progress of his pupils, shews that his whole heart is in the work. The school at the upper end of the parish, which seemed to give promise of great things last year, has, this year, been all but fruitless of good results. The school-mistress has lately been discharged, and her successor appears likely to succeed better. The school taught by Mrs. McManus is, as heretofore, excellent. The fourth school is very inferior, and instead of progressing, it seems to me to be more backward than it was last year. I insisted on the teacher being discharged, as she evinced no capacity for teaching. In order to meet the wants of the parish, which is daily growing larger, the Commissioners intend to establish two new schools; this is, I think, very desirable.

The accounts are greatly in arrears; but steps are being taken to collect the amounts due. The dissentient school is attended by 30 pupils in winter, in summer there is hardly any attendance. The rate-payers are but few in number, and they deserve praise for their self-imposed sacrifices for the support of this school, which is generally supplied with good teachers. The accounts are well kept by Mr. Grisdale, who also deserves credit for giving his services gratuitously.

Rigaud (parish).—This municipality has seven schools attended by 199 children. Madame Lagaré's school is very well conducted. Her close attention and ability have justly earned for her a high reputation among the rate-payers of this section. The Côte St. George school has been closed for the last year, the Commissioners are about taking immediate steps to procure a teacher acquainted with both languages. The other schools are in general pretty good. The Commissioners visit them regularly and deserve praise for