

cases, the list suggested by the Inspector, and these are being generally introduced as rapidly as circumstances will allow. In many cases there is uniformity now, and it is hoped that at the time stipulated, the uniformity will be general.

As regards the *Course of Study*, less progress has been made, not, however from any opposition to the scheme, the subject requires to be pressed more strongly upon the attention of Commissioners. Other changes have required so much effort that this has not received due attention. As the *Course* is now printed in the new School Registers, it will be brought more distinctly to the attention of teachers and thus will be introduced.

As to the "continuous year," or yearly engagements; there were previously, about eight municipalities,—mostly towns and villages,—following the yearly system. This year, at least twelve others, mostly rural, have "come into line," in this respect.

Several Schools have reported quite successful Christmas examinations, among these were the Hatley Academy, the Danville Graded school, and the Sherbrooke Young Ladies' Academy. The last, (under Miss Kate Wilson), showed excellent indications of thorough and successful work.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY REUNION.—That was a very pleasant reunion of *savans* and public men which Col. RHODES, President of the Geographical Society, gave at the Russell House, on Wednesday evening last. It was the first of its kind this winter season, and attracted a very large number of persons. There were some clever speeches, and abundance of good feeling, and a supper which would have delighted the heart of LUCULLUS. The Colonel was, of course, in his element. Naturally enough he felt proud of his position. He certainly did it honor, and convinced every one, before a great while, that the Geographical Society of Quebec had a field of usefulness before it. The Society has a large roll of active members, comprising many of the best names in the city, while its honorary and corresponding membership is influential and important. The Society is going to work in the right way. It is confining itself to studies relating altogether to our own country, and taking an active part in the development of certain natural resources of the Province of Quebec. There is ample room for the Geographical Society of Quebec, and we are very glad that it receives aid,—not half substantial enough, however,—from both the Federal and Provincial Governments. The object of the meeting, last Tuesday evening, was to present to the public an idea of the Society's programme, to tell something, in fact, of its mission, its *raison d'être*. Col. RHODES spoke pretty fully on the subject, and dwelt particularly on the part which the Society is taking with regard to the proposed survey of that vast unknown region in the direction of Lake Mistassini and James' Bay. The expense of this survey will be about ten thousand dollars, and afford employment for eighteen months or two years. The Geological Bureau of Canada will furnish \$6,000 of this amount, and it is proposed to solicit the balance from the Govern-