

## REPORT.

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DURING the past Year no material change or facts worthy of special notice have arisen, so that the ANNUAL REPORT can necessarily only be a general account of the state and condition of the Schools under the Supervision of the Board for the last twelve months.

In the Report of 1860, the Secretary had occasion to remark on the slight decrease in the average number of scholars in attendance at the various Schools, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year; and that in those Schools where the greatest decrease was observed, viz.: the Central School and Portland, it might justly be attributed to temporary causes, which were then being removed. It is a subject of congratulation that the returns of those Schools during the present year justify the correctness of these remarks, as the Central School has increased its number from four hundred and thirty-six to five hundred and two; and Portland three hundred and eighteen to three hundred and fifty-five. And it is equally gratifying that not only in these Schools, but also in the others under the control of the Board, the increase in the numbers is one hundred and fifty-three, making the whole number fifteen hundred and thirty-four, the largest number with the exception of one year that has been returned for the last ten years, and one School, (Chatham,) having been discontinued.

### SAINT JOHN—CENTRAL SCHOOL.

As has already been remarked the full compliment of the scholars in attendance at this School was soon regained, the number of boys attending on the 30th June last, being two hundred and seventy, an increase of thirty in that Quarter; and of girls two hundred and thirty-two, an increase in the Quarter of fifty-eight.

These Schools being under the immediate supervision of the Board, it is unnecessary to make any further remark upon their state than that they under the effective and judicious management of M. Rynd and Miss Vickery still show the same efficiency and good order which has been hitherto so pleasing and satisfactory.

Since the last meeting of the Board the official resignation of Miss Vickery, as the teacher of the Female School has been received, to take effect on the first of October. For a number of years Miss Vickery has taught this School, training and educating the children who have attended her department with a patient and persevering industry which shewed a conscientious and earnest conviction of her duties, and ever claimed for her the well merited confidence and commendation of the Board; and it is to be hoped that her successor in that important situation will be equally fortunate in her efforts to fulfil the arduous duties which are necessarily involved in the charge and training of so many young children.