

30 are reported from superior schools and 55 from elementary schools. On the face of it this looks bad for Montreal and for our superior schools. But when one considers that these 30 in Montreal and these 30 in the superior schools are made up almost entirely of teachers of special subjects, such as singing, physical drill, instrumental music, cooking, carpentering, drawing, writing, and of kindergartners who have been trained outside the province, the matter does not look so serious, although it raises the question, since these persons are all reported as teachers, should not provision be made for their certification in the subjects which they teach?

We are confident that there is not one uncertificated teacher in the province in charge of a department in a superior school.

In the elementary schools 55, or 5 p.c. of the 1,084 teachers therein, have no diplomas, and 385 teachers, 27.9 p.c. of the 1,371, hold first-class diplomas from the normal school. It appears that the institutes have, during the past 12 years, been attended by upwards of 3,000 teachers, an average of 19 p.c. of the whole each year, or excluding the normal school graduates who do not generally attend, about 30 p.c.

At a very conservative calculation, we find that more than half of our teachers have had some degree of professional training. With this fact in mind, when we turn to the question of salaries, we discover that the teacher has done more to meet the demand made upon him for professional training, than the rate-paper has done to recognize the value of that training.

In elementary schools the male teacher receives, on an average (throughout), \$600 a year, with diploma, and \$278 without. The female teacher, in like circumstances, receives \$182 and \$151. In model schools and academies the male teacher has \$835 and \$617, while the female teacher gets \$302, and strange to say, without diploma, \$367. We remember, however, that the specialists without diploma get good salaries and bring up the average.

Now that compulsory professional training is so near us, is it not time to fix a legal tariff for teachers in such a way as to secure a reasonable minimum for the several grades of diploma, and for the varying circumstances of different municipalities?

The cost of education in the province amounts to \$1.85