

There are yet a few points upon which dissatisfaction is generally and strongly expressed. *First*.—We claim that all property in a section owned by a non-resident of that section, should be assessed for the benefit of the section in which it lies, and *not* of that in which the owner resides.

*Second*.—That the determining of the time of the summer vacation be left to the Board of Commissioners and Inspectors of their respective counties. It is admitted that uniformity is desirable, yet, educational interests *must not* be sacrificed for its attainment.

*Third*.—That the length of the school term should be the same in all sections—that is, that all teachers of the same grade be paid the same amount for the time employed; not 105 days in some and 111 in others.

*Fourth*.—That there should be a Compulsory Attendance Law, embracing a "truant clause."

*Fifth*.—That School Commissioners should be paid out of the County Fund for their services.

Argumentation in these points is superfluous. My views in each have been often presented, and as they remain unchanged, I can merely reiterate them.

*Personal*.—Every section in the County was visited in the winter except Pictou Island, which is virtually secluded during winter. All have been visited during the summer. I failed to examine *two* schools; in the one there were no scholars on account of rain, the other was closed on account of diphtheria. I made 320 visits of inspection exclusive of visits to vacant sections. I continue to devote my whole time to the work.

*Terminal Examinations*.—121 Schools held public examinations, attended by 1020 visitors; 31 closed without holding an examination. Nearly all assigned as a reason the small and broken state of the school, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in the section.

*Teachers Examinations*.—173 Candidates presented themselves for examination, 87 at the Pictou station, and 86 at New Glasgow. From the manner the result has been presented to the Inspector it is impossible to tell how many have been successful. The names of all who had wrought for a higher grade, but who either failed entirely, or obtained the *same* class as that before held are suppressed; the names of those who obtained a higher class, and of new candidates who obtained any class are given. This reports 98 successful, 44 at Pictou and 54 at New Glasgow. I have grounds to believe however that a greater number obtained some class.

We have now a superabundance of teachers, especially of females.

It is time that the anomaly respecting grade B, females, was removed; it has existed longer than is creditable. Grade C is *first* class for females, and *second* class for males. What is the class of a young lady holding a B license? As regards grade and remuneration she has been *masculinated*, (so to express it) or made man of. Let the sexes be placed upon an *equality*, both as regards qualifications and remuneration.

Death has laid its hand heavily upon our educationists during the year. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the North District, was called away in December last. Personally, I lost a true friend and a judicious counsellor—the county lost its most enthusiastic educationist. The following minute was adopted and placed upon our records in May.

MINUTE IN REFERENCE TO THE DEATH OF REV. DR. BAYNE.

This Board desires to express the sense of the loss they have sustained by the demise of their chairman, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, who, for the long period of 25 years, has been connected with the Board of School Commissioners in Pictou. This Board cannot forget the devotion, the energy and ability which the Rev. Doctor brought to bear upon the cause. An able educationist, he