

struction imparted by this competent principal. The number of pupils registered in the High School in winter was only 20, making an aggregate of 11, and the number enrolled in the summer was 12, averaging 7.8. From these statements it is clear that the Institution is not accomplishing the purpose for which it was established and is maintained at so great a cost to this Province. This will be still more evident when it becomes known that of the comparatively few pupils that attended it in the course of the year, not one belonged to other parts of the County, but to the section in which it is located. It therefore confers no benefit whatever upon the County generally, and it must be confessed very few advantages on Arichat section itself; in fact, the rate-payers generally do not seem to appreciate the Academy, and the large grants of which they enjoy all the benefits such as they are. Correctly speaking, it cannot be called a County Academy since pupils of Arichat section only receive instruction in it; and unless more appreciation is shown hereafter of the favor conferred by the yearly grant made towards its support, the C. P. Instruction would do well to withdraw \$600.00, and have it applied to aid sections throughout the County in furnishing their schools with proper apparatus. The money expended in this manner would do more for the advancement of education in this County than it is now doing.

Teachers.—The subjoined table will show the number, grade and sex of teachers employed during the year, placed in comparison with the same for 1875:—

1876.	Grades.					Males.	Females.	Both.
	A	B	C	D	E			
Winter Term.....	1	12	18	15	12	31	27	58
Summer Term.....	1	10	19	21	16	36	31	67
Total for the year....	2	22	37	36	28	67	58	125
Total for the year 1875	0	21	31	36	31	64	55	119
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The male teachers, as will be seen, have a small preponderance over the females, and, what is to be regretted, the lower grades a preponderance over the higher. Of the 10 male Grade B teachers employed in the summer, 3 were over 7 years in the service, 6 over 5 years, and 1 over 3 years; and of the 10 female Grade C employed 1 was for the 2nd term, 3 upwards of 3 years, and 6 upwards of 7 years in the service. As to qualifications and success in teaching, our teachers may be classified as follows: 16 superior, 25 good, 20 middling, and 6 very indifferent. It will be perceived, by this classification, that satisfactory work is done in nearly two-thirds of our schools.

The amount of salaries paid to teachers by trustees during the year was \$6,935.00, averaging \$110.80 per teacher; the Government Grant amounted to \$4,690.00, which added to the sum raised by sections, will make from both sources, an average salary, to teachers of all grades, of \$186.00. Such a salary is undoubtedly too low to secure the best teaching talent. Teachers' salaries from Trustees must therefore be increased if further progress is to be made. I would ask Trustees to make a note of this and have it in mind when they prepare their estimates for the annual meeting. Let us pay our teachers better and we will assuredly retain and obtain the best instructors, and receive a *quid pro quo*.