

RECAPITULATION of Statistics reported annually by the Boards of Examiners in Lower Canada, 1863.

| Board of | Days during which sitting lasted. | Candidates examined. | Mean number of teachers examined per day. | Diplomas for academics granted, 1st class. | | Ditto 2nd class. | | For model schools, 1st class. | | Ditto 2nd class. | | For elementary schools, 1st class. | | Ditto 2nd class. | | Number of candidates admitted and grades of diplomas. | | | GRAND TOTAL. | Candidates rejected. |
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| | | | | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Academics. | Model schools. | Elementary schools. | | |
| Montreal, (Cath.) | 7 | 193 | 27.4 | | | | | 6 | 1 | | | 11 | 101 | 1 | 50 | | 7 | 163 | 170 | 23 |
| Id. (Prot.) | 6 | 90 | 15. | 2 | | | | 6 | | 2 | | 11 | 17 | 8 | 31 | 2 | 8 | 67 | 77 | 13 |
| Quebec (Cath.) | 5 | 56 | 11.1 | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 | | 1 | 23 | 24 | 32 |
| Id. (Prot.) | 7 | 18 | 2.4 | | | | | 3 | | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 3 |
| Three-Rivers | 5 | 60 | 12. | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 23 | | 11 | | 3 | 34 | 37 | 23 |
| Sherbrooke | 4 | 38 | 9.2 | 2 | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 26 | 35 | 3 |
| Kamouraska | 4 | 25 | 6.1 | | | | | | | | | 13 | | | | | | 16 | 16 | 9 |
| Gaspé | 2 | 12 | 6. | | | | | | | | | 3 | 4 | 2 | | | | 9 | 9 | 3 |
| Stanstead | 4 | 36 | 9. | | | | | | | | | 5 | 7 | 23 | | | | 35 | 35 | 1 |
| Ottawa | 4 | 16 | 4. | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | | | 15 | 15 | 1 |
| Beauce | 3 | 13 | 4.1 | | | | | | | | | 6 | 1 | 6 | | | | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Chicoutimi | 3 | 7 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Rimouski | 4 | 19 | 4.3 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 9 | | | | 12 | 12 | 7 |
| Bonaventure | 4 | 17 | 4.1 | | | | | | | | | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | 14 | 14 | 3 |
| Pontiac | 4 | 20 | 5 | | | | | | | | | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Richmond | 4 | 46 | 11.2 | | | | | | | | | 4 | 10 | 3 | 19 | | | 36 | 36 | 10 |
| Bedford, (Cath.) | 3 | 14 | 4.2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 12 | | 1 | | | 14 | 14 | (1) |
| Id. (Prot.) | 6 | 153 | 25.3 | | | | | | | | | 18 | 77 | 6 | 51 | | | 152 | 152 | 0 |
| Total | 79 | 833 | 163.79 | 4 | | 3 | | 17 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 71 | 293 | 54 | 246 | 7 | 28 | 664 | 699 | 134 |

TABLE of Municipalities erected since 1857.

| Municipalities established in new settlements. | | Municipalities formed by the division of old municipalities. | |
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| 1857 | 6 (1) | 1857 | 4 |
| 1858 | 5 | 1858 | 3 |
| 1859 | 9 | 1859 | 1 |
| 1860 | 5 | 1860 | 10 |
| 1861 | 19 | 1861 | 8 |
| 1862 | 15 | 1862 | 12 |
| 1863 | 7 | 1863 | 20 |
| | 66 | | 66+58=124 |

I have pointed out in my previous reports the best measures to be adopted for the perfection of our system of education; and I would repeat that important as are some of the measures proposed and still under the consideration of the Government, particularly those that were expounded in my report on the inspection of schools, a great deal also depends on the influence which public opinion can bring to bear upon the local authorities, in whose hands the law has placed so large a share of the initiative and responsibility. The most difficult task is that which consists in directing these local authorities without infringing on their powers, or discouraging any of the school commissioners or functionaries who may be very bravely struggling against difficulties without, however, being able to obtain all that might be desired in the interest of

(1) This table is not constructed in the same manner as that of last year. The figures, representing all the new municipalities erected, were placed in one column, and the old municipalities, which had been divided, were placed in the other; thus the same municipality figured in both columns if it had been divided. This has been avoided in the present instance.

the progress of education. If, in this matter the Department should have appeared to some persons as wanting in energy or firmness, it may be well to observe that on many occasions a different course might have jeopardized the results, which, unimportant as they may appear, have only been obtained with much difficulty.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient servant

P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Superintendent of Education.

Twenty-Second Conference of the Teachers' Association in connection with the Jacques Cartier Normal School.

The first sitting was opened on the 26th May, 1864.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. J. O. Cassegrain was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Principal Verreau delivered a lecture on Natural History, in which he spoke of the three great kingdoms into which all matter is divided, dwelling more particularly, however, on the Animal Kingdom. In going over the progressive scale of animal life, he spoke of the digestive and respiratory organs as indicating the different degrees of perfection, and concluded by an examination of the human brain, the abode, said the lecturer, of the soul and intellectual faculties.

The following question was then discussed by Messrs. Boudrias, Caron, Pinard and Emard: *What are the best means of imparting a knowledge of aliquot parts?*

A Report from the Council of Administration was taken into consideration, after which the meeting adjourned.

SECOND SITTING.

The meeting having been called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., the President read a report on the labors of the Association during

(1) No report was received from this Board.