

TRAINING SCHOOL.—The number of pupil students in attendance at this school in 1859 was 208; making the total of trained teachers in the province 619. The number admitted during the year was 115 young women, and 42 young men, exclusive of those in attendance at the commencement of the year.

With reference to "the great growing disproportion" in the language of the report, "between the number of male and female teachers," Mr. Bennett says, "we have more female teachers already than the country wishes to employ, or is likely to profit by."

Of **SCHOOL HOUSES**, 54 have been erected during the year.

Fourteen **LIBRARIES**, containing 946 volumes, have been established, at a cost of £117, one third of the expense of which was paid by the Province.—And nine book agencies have been established during the year.

Among the expenditures for educational purposes, £53 16s.,—part of a sum voted by the Legislature many years ago, for the purpose of procuring French books for the French people—has been expended in obtaining books from Canada.

We cannot see the propriety of nursing a foreign language in the midst of an English colony, where all business is conducted in English, and where the English language does, and must prevail. That an extra effort should be made to educate, and otherwise elevate the French people, who form nearly one fourth the population of the Province, is beyond dispute; it is a

disgrace to the spirit of the age, and to the character of New Brunswick to allow 45 or 50,000 people to live in our country in gross ignorance; not ten thousand of whom can read in any language.

Many of the French are miserably poor, and not able, if so inclined, to educate their children; consequently, we would say,—let the government establish free English schools at the public expense, in every community which is not able to support schools for itself; continue this support for four or five years, or until the mass of the French people can read and write in the English language. Until some such course is pursued, these people, who have good natural abilities, will continue and increase among us as a distinct, and unlettered people, and never be able to take their place among the useful and intelligent denizens of the country.

SCHOOL INSPECTION.—With reference to the inspection system, as it exists in New Brunswick, we have long ago considered it an imposition upon the public; not but what the present inspectors are fully competent for the task; neither do we say that £250 each, £1000 in the whole, is too much for the amount of travelling they have to do. But we firmly believe that the Trustees are the proper officers to do this duty. We hold that the elementary schools are the institutions of the people, and that the people should have controul of them, and the trustees be paid for their services.

When the schools were inspected