

INVERNESS COUNTY.

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SIR,—

For the County of Inverness, for the year ended 31st Oct., 1876. The following Educational Report is respectfully submitted :—

As changes occur, from year to year, in the catalogue of sections, by additions and sub-divisions ; in school premises, by improvements in the way of new buildings and increased accomodation ; and in the department of County Finance by modifications in the income and expenditure for school purposes,—it will be necessary to furnish the usual tabulated statements, briefly depicting the salient points in the existing educational machinery of the County.

In the combined Districts of the North and South are now embraced the large number of *one hundred and thirty-five*

School Sections.

North.....	46
South.....	89
Whole County.....	135

Of the above, *five* district sections were formed during the year just closed.

In May, at the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Board—Albert Sea, No. 35½ was formed by the sub-division of Indian Rear; No. 36, and Centre-ville, No. 34½, resulted from the union of portions of Brook Village, Scotch Hill and Skye Glen Sections.

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Northern Board, held a week subsequently to the session of the South—Salt Spring, No. 28½, and Eastern Harbor, No. 3½, were formed by the sub-division of Little Narrows, No. 28, and Cheticamp, No. 3½.

At the November regular semi-annual meeting of the South Board, the residents at the rear of the Banks of Judique were detached from No. 6, and a new section formed in the locality, bearing the commemorative name of "Centennial," No 6½.

For convenience of reference in the distribution of the public school grants, subjoined is the *amended* list of sections now entitled to special aid.

In the Southern District—Craignith, S. W. Bridge, S. W. Ridge, Glencoe, Big Ridge, Judson, Ross Mill, to all as Brook Blue's Mill, Big Brook, Mill Brook, Blues's Cove, Gillis Cove, Boom, Rear Cragnith, Lake Horton, N. W. Arm, Rear Long Points, River Dennis Road, River Dennis Chapel, South Cape, North Cape, Scotch Hill, Skye Mount, Big Harbor, Seal Cove and McKenzie's Brook.

In North Inverness—Granloch, Pleasant Bay, Cape Rouge, Jacob, Big Intervale, Egypt, Lake O'Law, Big Brook, South Settlement, Lewis Mount, Cody Settlement, B. C. Ponds, River Loch Bain, Whycocomo Mount, S. W. Egypt, Martin, Widow Lard and Glenmore.

At the May semi-annual meetings—Up. S. West (No. 15), Coal Mines (No. 18), McKenzie's Brook (No. 18½), Light Point (No. 19), West Bay Road (No. 40), Port Hood Island (No. 63), N East (No. 71.) and Dunmore (No. 74)—all in the South were taken off the "Poor List,"—while the following addition were made:—Craignith (No. 4), S. W. Ridge (No. 14), and Blue's Cove (No. 53).