

parison of the climate of Quebec with that of other parts of which records are published, and on other grounds to which it is needless to make special reference. Our readers will, we are sure, concur in our expression of regret and in our thanks for the past services as well as our good wishes in behalf of the future of Mr. Thurling.

Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec for the year 1868 and in part for 1869.

To His Excellency

SIR NARCISSE FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Knight,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec,—

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency my report on

the state of Public Instruction for the year 1868 and in part for 1869.

In conformity with a recommendation of the Committee of both Houses, charged (previous to confederation) with the superintendence of printing, the report of last year was a *triennial* one,—containing the statistics of Schools by Municipalities, and the details of all the information collected respecting the Schools for Superior Education, as well as the reports of the School Inspectors,—that of this year will therefore present only a summary of the statistics.

The general statistics for the year 1868 shew an increase of 201 in the number of institutions, 4798 in the number of pupils, and \$64,325 in the contributions, as may be seen from the following:—

TABLE of the Progress of Public Instruction in the Province of Quebec, since the year 1853.

—	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863
Institutions	2352	2795	2868	2919	2946	2995	3199	3264	3345	3501	3552
Scholars	108284	119733	127058	143141	148798	156872	168148	172155	180845	188635	193131
Contributions	\$165848	\$238032	\$249136	\$406764	\$424208	\$459396	\$498436	\$503859	\$526219	\$542728	\$564810

TABLE of the Progress of Public Instruction in the Province of Quebec, &c.—*Continued.*

—	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	Increase over 1853.	Increase over 1858.	Increase over 1866.	Increase over 1867.
Institutions	3604	3706	3826	3712	3913	1561	928	87	201
Scholars	196739	202648	206820	208030	212838	104544	55956	6008	4798
Contributions	\$593964	\$597448	\$647067	\$728494	\$792819	\$626971	\$333423	\$145752	\$64325

The figures representing the number of pupils studying each branch comprised under Elementary Instruction, differ but slightly from those of the preceding year.

Comparative Table of the number of Scholars learning the most Essential Branches of Elementary Instruction.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	Increase over 1853.	Increase over 1858.	Increase over 1864.	Decrease compared with 1864.	Increase over 1867.
Scholars Reading well.....	27367	32861	43407	46940	48833	52099	64362	67753	75236	77108	77676	75555	96491	98706	101166	101212	73845	49113	25657	.....	46
Do Writing	50072	47014	58033	60086	61943	65404	80152	81244	87115	92572	97086	99351	107161	111703	112191	112221	62149	46817	2870	.....	30
Do learning Simple Rules of Arithmetic.....	18281	22897	30631	48359	52845	55847	63514	63341	69519	74518	75719	14197	83930	84201	84544	85209	66928	29362	71012	.....	665
Do learning Compound Rules	12428	18073	22586	23431	26643	28196	30919	31758	41812	44357	45727	46529	52892	53720	54660	54737	42309	26541	8208	.....	77
Do learning Book-Keeping.....	.....	799	1976	5012	5500	6689	7135	7319	9347	9614	9630	9615	10381	10430	10825	10852	10852	4163	1237	.....	27
Do learning Geography	12185	13326	17700	30134	33606	37847	45393	49162	55071	56392	60585	66412	64718	64998	65616	65633	53448	27786	.....	779	17
Do learning History.....	6738	11486	15520	17580	26147	42316	45997	46324	51095	54461	59024	66884	71153	71453	71965	71972	65234	29656	5078	.....	7
Do learning French Grammar	15353	17852	23260	29328	39067	43307	53452	54214	50426	61312	63913	68564	76097	66264	76996	77011	61658	33704	8447	.....	15
Do learning English Grammar	7066	7097	9004	11824	12074	15348	19773	25073	27904	28464	27358	29428	30453	30648	31748	31808	24742	16460	2380	.....	60
Do learning Grammatical Analysis	4412	9283	16439	26310	34064	40733	44466	46872	49460	50893	52244	60311	66237	66341	68172	68288	63816	27555	7977	.....	116