

*Answers of the Reverend Gentlemen, whose names are hereinafter mentioned, to the following questions :*

14. Does the School system work in your Municipality so as to afford a sufficient education to youth and one suited to the industrial interests of the Country?

24. What are the causes which have retarded and still retard the cause of education in your Municipality?

Rev. Mr. *Morrison*, (St. Valentin.) The want of books, the neglect of the parents to send their children regularly to school, and the apathy of the teachers.

Rev. Mr. *Dubé*, (St. Martin.) Sufficiently well.

Rev. Mr. *Brunet*, (St. Janvier.) Sufficiently well.

Rev. Mr. *Duquet*, (St. Thérèse.) Sufficiently well; teachers wanting.

Rev. Mr. *Cholette*, (St. Polycarpe.) The want of teachers and qualified commissioners prevents our deriving from the schools all the advantages we have a right to anticipate.

Rev. Mr. *Paradis*, (St. Félix de Kingsey.) It is because the Superintendent who refers us to the Inspector, too fond of his repose and too pusillanimous, has allowed the law to become insipid; and because the Inspector and the Superintendent himself both recoil before the obstacles and the slight oppositions shewn by the people, who have become arrogant through the contempt they have been permitted to evince towards the law.

Rev. Mr. *Crépeau*, (St. Charles.) Well. The cause which has retarded and still retards education is the want of good masters. I think there are too many schools; it would be better to have fewer and better ones.

Rev. Mr. *Maréchal*, (St. Cyrien.) We are satisfied with our schools, and we think it scarcely possible to have a school system affording more advantages, considering the circumstances of the times and of the Country.

Rev. Mr. *Brassard*, (St. Paul.) The School Municipalities considerably retard the cause of instruction. Two good schools well paid and well conducted would afford three times more instruction than is now obtained under the present system.

Rev. Mr. *Harper*, (St. Grégoire.) Yes.

Rev. Mr. *Moore*, (St. Bernard.) No.

The Rev. *Curé* of St. Edouard. No.

Rev. Mr. *Bruneau*, (Verchères.) I do not think so.

Rev. Mr. *Le Maître*, (St. Paulin.) I do not think so.

Rev. Mr. *Trudelle*, (Somerset.) No; good masters and books are wanting.

Rev. Mr. *Mayrand*, (St. Ursule.) I think so.

Rev. Mr. *Guyon*, (St. Elizabeth.) The children leaving our schools are incapable of devoting themselves to any branch of education from the trifling knowledge they possess.

Rev. Mr. *Drapeau*, (Longue Pointe.) Sufficient.

Rev. Mr. *Lemoine*, (Ecureuils.) Sufficient.

Rev. Mr. *Labelle*, (St. Roch.) The want of uniformity in teaching retards the cause of education.

Rev. Mr. *Beaudry*, (Malbaie.) I think so.

Rev. Mr. *Tanguay*, (St. Germain.) "The present system can only work imperfectly, so as to afford to youth sufficient instruction.

"1st. Because its administrators or commissioners are, for the most part, selected from among persons of little education or opposed to the progress of education.

"2nd. Because the system of assessment is the bug-bear of all our population, and particularly of those persons who have no children to educate, or are too distant from the school houses.