

The Gouin Government also increased the grants for poor schools. In 1897 the sum of \$13,558.33 was spent to that end ; in 1912, the amount expended was \$25,000 besides a sum of \$97,154 out of the share of elementary schools.

In 1906, the Government established bonuses of between \$30.00 and \$60.00 for the most deserving municipalities. During the past five years it distributed, under this head, \$45,000.00 among 1042 municipalities.

The Government likewise paid special bonuses to the most successful female teachers. These bonuses, now amounting to \$16,000.00 per annum, did not exist in 1896.

Moreover, in 1906, the Gouin Government established special bonuses for teachers who have taught at least ten years. During the past five years the sum of \$111,710.00 was also distributed among such teachers.

In 1909, the present Government also increased by 50 per cent the appropriation for the teachers' pension fund. In 1911 it had the law amended so that the pension of a female teacher should never be less than \$75.00. In the first session of 1912 it had an act passed under which the pension of a male teacher was to be increased 50 per cent, but was not to exceed \$300.00.

The Gouin Government, in 1910, also obliged the school inspectors to each pay two visits every year to