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or unfavourable scason. Therefore it would be difficult to ascertain with precision the amount of the revenues belonging to the Incumbents.

- " Question .- What schools are there, and what the kind of instruction? What their support?"
- " Answer.—The Reverend Fathers the Jesuits of Quebec, before the " year 1776, always kept or caused to be kept a well regulated school, " where young persons were taught reading, writing and arithmetic. This " school was free to every one. But Government having thought fit to " lodge the records of the province in the only apartment of the house " where scholars could be admitted, the Reverend Fathers could not con-" tinue the good work.
- " There are some Canadian masters in town, who for payment, teach " reading and writing. Their schools are regular and daily, and pretty " well frequented. The parents of the children sent there are tolerably " well fatisfied with the progress they make.
- " At Montreal, the Seminary, ever fince the time of its institution, has " supported a free school, where children of all ranks are taught reading
- " and writing. Books are given them gratis. This school, remarkable " for its extreme regularity, has had 300 children at a time. " The Nuns or congregated Sifters at Montreal have a numerous board-" ing school for the instruction of young Gentlewomen. The Urseline " Nuns at Quebec and Three Rivers have each another boarding school. " Also the Nuns of the General Hospital of Quebec. The young Ladies " in these schools are taught reading, writing, needle and other work suit-" able to the fex, fuch as embroidery, &c. But above all things, they are " saught vertue. Public schools are also kept for young women in the three " towns of the Province; one at Montreal by the congregated Sisters, one at "Three Rivers by the Urselines, one at Quebec by the Urselines and