

these latter were to be replaced by others at the end of the year. Altogether the result of the year is satisfactory.

The rates are paid tardily, and consequently the corporation is far from being able to meet its engagements. This year, however, the new system of prosecution has been put in operation and the finances are in a comparatively satisfactory condition, although there remained a balance of £44 3s. 5½d. against the municipality at the close of the school year.

By assessments and monthly rates \$627 60cts. have been levied in the municipality. After paying all expenses, there was a balance of \$226 to the credit of the corporation. The accounts are kept with great exactness and there is no fault to be found except with the tardiness with which payment is enforced, a tardiness attended with fatal consequences. I have not hitherto succeeded, despite my repeated recommendations, in getting a single schoolhouse built within the whole extent of the municipality. Thirteen prizes were awarded during the year.

St. Anne, No. 2.—This municipality is possessed of the fine college of St. Anne, attended by 250 pupils, a convent by 134, and an elementary school by 17, forming a total of 431 pupils; the daily attendance being 405. The college and the convent are both universally esteemed, and this fact demonstrates better than I could do, how highly the education which the youth of both sexes receive in them is appreciated and how well they supply the wants of this important part of the country. The beauty, salubrity and picturesque character of the environs, contribute in no small degree to the interest which is felt in these institutions.

Here also the rates are very tardily paid; so much is this the case, that at the end of the school year a balance of \$90 was still owing on the year 1862-63, and \$234 on the year 1863-4. Yet the corporation is well disposed and is composed of educated men who are friendly to instruction. This laxness in payment proceeds from the idea that it is not obligatory to pay until the end of the school year, and this idea is the result of an old practice which obtained when the law was first put in operation in this parish.

The secretary-treasurer keeps his books and accounts well. The result of the year's instruction is satisfactory. Eleven prizes were awarded during the year.

St. Onézime.—In order to meet last year's deficit, the number of schools in this municipality has been reduced to two. The teachers received—one only \$32 and the other \$40, from this it may be gathered that their ability was not very remarkable. There is no ground for surprise if the pupils made no great progress. The children show little diligence and are ill-supplied with books, paper, &c. It is difficult to exact more from this municipality when we take into consideration the limited means of the majority of the rate-payers and the heavy burthens which they have had to bear for some years. The accounts of the corporation are faithfully kept and would give a balance in favor of the corporation if all arrears were paid up.

St. Pacôme.—The five schools in this municipality have been attended by 249 pupils; the average daily attendance has been 164. Three schools have produced satisfactory results; the other two have been unsatisfactory and ill attended. The school corporation is well disposed, and does what lies in its power to apply the money at its disposal in a useful manner. The collection of assessments is a little in arrear, although comparatively satisfactory, considering the limited means of a large number of the rate-payers. Ten prizes were awarded.

River Ouelle.—This municipality contains seven elementary schools, a model school and a convent, the whole attended by 355 pupils, the daily attendance being 291. One school only has proved insufficient; all the others have produced good results, and some have even made good progress; of this character are the schools kept by Mr. S. Côté, and the Misses Letellier and d'Auteuil. The working of the law in the parish of River Ouelle is deserving of praise, and were it not for the delay in the payments of the assessments, I should say that everything is going on well. The school commissioners are intelligent and sincerely desirous of the promotion of education. The convent gives as great satisfaction as formerly; the number of pupils attending it demonstrates the high esteem in which it is held by the fathers of families. It is to be observed that nearly all the pupils in this institution including both boarders and day scholars are children belonging to the parish. Indeed the adjacent parishes of St. Anne and Kamouraska, have also their boarding schools. I have therefore only to regret that the collection of the assessments is so slowly effected, and to state that the state of affairs is owing to too great indulgence on the part of the commissioners, for nearly all the ratepayers are in easy circumstances. I awarded 17 prizes. The accounts are carefully kept.

St. Denis.—This municipality supports eight schools under control, these are divided into six elementary schools, a model school for boys, and a superior school for girls the whole attended by 359 pupils,

the daily attendance being 245. The eight schools are classed as follows: two, very good; four, good; and two in a condition of mediocrity. Altogether the result is satisfactory, and this parish is one of those deserving of the highest praise, both on account of the diligence of the pupils and the progress made, and of the special interest which every rate payer both poor and rich, takes in the progress of his children, and in the good working of the law. The schools kept by the Misses Dumais, Belanger and Dionne, are all that can be desired and might be cited as so many model schools.

The finances of the corporation are in a satisfactory condition, and give proof of a degree of energy and goodwill on the part of the secretary-treasurer and the members of the corporation, which is not met with often enough, even in the case of well disposed municipalities. Nineteen prizes were awarded during the year.

Notre Dame du Mont-Carmel.—The three little schools in this parish, in which there are few farmers in easy circumstances, have been attended by 152 pupils, the average attendance being 86 only. The progress has been what might be expected from pupils wanting in diligence and lacking books. Altogether, however, the result is satisfactory, and amply repays the sacrifices made to obtain it. The yearly rates have been paid with tolerable regularity; the arrears which are still due date back several years. Six prizes were awarded.

St. Louis de Kamouraska.—This municipality has a convent conducted by the ladies of the congregation, and attended by 75 pupils; a model school, attended by 75, and five elementary schools, of which three are good and two inferior. These several institutions are attended by 330 pupils, the average attendance being 232 only. I regret to have to call attention to the fact that the five elementary schools have been irregularly attended, and that therefore the progress made has been small, except in that kept by Miss Alp. Marchand. The other teachers are also not wanting in good-will and ability, but the want of diligence on the part of their pupils and of books, has prevented their obtaining better results. The convent and the model school supply the wants of the locality, and are appreciated as they deserve. The classes of these two institutions have been attended by 250 pupils. The new secretary-treasurer appears to me to be active and a man of orderly habits, able to maintain the finances of the corporation in a state of equilibrium. Eleven prizes were awarded during the school year.

St. Paschal.—This municipality has a primary superior school for boys, attended by 58 pupils, a primary superior school for girls with a like number of pupils, and eight elementary schools, attended by 176 pupils, the daily attendance being 257 only. The superior school for girls, conducted by Miss Lafebvre, has made great progress; that conducted by Mr. Peltier is also not unworthy of praise. Six elementary schools are well kept, two only being unsatisfactory. Schoolhouses have been built in nine sections. That erected during the year for numbers one and two, is spacious and tastefully built.

The finances of the corporation are in good condition. The blame which I feel justified in ascribing to the rate-payers, is in relation to the apathy which they exhibit as to the progress made by their children. They appear to attach no importance to their diligence at school.

Ste. Helene.—The five schools in this parish have been attended by 216 pupils, the average attendance being 121 only. It is enough to say that there is little diligence among the pupils, and that therefore the progress made has been small. Yet in the schools conducted by the Misses Lafrance, Gagnon and Souey, remarkable progress has been made. One of the five schools in the municipality was suppressed at the end of the school year, in consequence of the smallness of the number of pupils attending it. The books are well kept and the commissioners are well disposed.

St. Alexandre.—There is in this parish a model school placed under the management of Miss Vézina, and attended by 72 pupils of both sexes. Six elementary schools altogether attended by 202 pupils. Satisfactory progress has been made in the model school and in three of the elementary schools. The other schools have been inferior and insufficient. The teachers of these three schools were to be dismissed at the end of the school year. The average attendance at the schools has been only 189 out of a total of 274.

The finances of the corporation are in a tolerably satisfactory condition. The collection of the school rates is effected with punctuality. In general, the subjects of instruction are absolutely elementary. The result of the year is below the average, notwithstanding the good disposition of the corporation.

St. André.—The eight schools of St. André have been attended by 300 pupils, the average attendance being 232. I have to make mention of notable progress in the model school kept by Miss Thériault, and also in that conducted by Miss Philomène Lagacé. Satisfactory progress has been made in four other sections, and but little in the last two, where but little diligence has been displayed by the pupils. Altogether the result of the year in relation to the matters