

APPENDIX (G.)

Lot 29, Sable, Archibald M'Kinnon, Teacher. At this school, one of the largest on the Island, 52 scholars were present at the examination. Although labouring under many disadvantages, such as a want of suitable books, a school-house insufficient, and out of repair, &c. the teacher has been nevertheless successful in his efforts to advance his pupils; many read and spelled with great propriety; and in arithmetic, the proficiency made was equally satisfactory; and several excellent specimens of writing were shewn; all bearing testimony to the attention of the teacher to the instruction of his pupils.

A new and commodious school-house for this District is nearly completed in the vicinity of the present house.

Brackley Point, Allan Stewart, Teacher. Twenty-five attended on the examination of this school—on the teacher's list 30. I regret to say that very little proficiency has been made at this school since last visited. The settlement here is scattered, and the children in the remote parts thereof cannot attend regularly upon the school at all seasons of the year. Some improvement in reading was apparent, but in arithmetic and spelling none of consequence. This school is now vacant, the teacher having lately resigned his charge.

Lot 50, Flat River. At this station there is a numerous school taught by John M'Kinnon—on the list there are 50 scholars, 40 were present on this occasion. In the different branches taught here, embracing English grammar, book-keeping, arithmetic, and writing, considerable progress has been made; the improvement in reading and spelling has, upon the whole, too, been satisfactory; and the assiduity of the teacher has been apparent, in the approved pronunciation, orthography, and attention to the rules of correct reading generally, on the part of the scholars.

Lot 62, Belle Creek. This station is vacant, the teacher of the last year, Neil M'Kinnon, having removed to the Brackley Point Road School. In this latter District is a sufficient and suitable school-house, which was visited very recently after its opening under the present teacher. I found 25 scholars assembled, many of these had been well advanced in their education under the tuition of the former teacher, (Mr. J. Arbuckle); and although since then, the school has been vacant several years, the proficiency that appeared to have been made in several of the higher branches of English education, by many of the pupils, was a proof of the ability of their former instructor. The state of the school under the present teacher, is also promising; and it is to be hoped that on a future occasion, such improvement will be manifest, as will gain for the school that commendation which shall always be bestowed on the deserving.

The Lot 67 School, is taught by Neil Arbuckle—the school numbers 30 scholars, none much advanced. Although this teacher could not be efficient, in a school station requiring ability on the part of the master, or an acquaintance with the higher branches of English education, yet his services are useful in this settlement, where the ambition of the inhabitants generally, does not extend beyond providing for their children the means of acquiring a little knowledge of reading. Several in the school were making considerable progress in the first stage of their education; and the teacher appears to be constantly attentive to his charge.

Lot 57, Orwell-head. The School at this place is taught by Donald Graham, and consists of about 30 scholars. A large proportion have attained to considerable proficiency in reading and spelling; and although the attendance on the school, from various causes, had been very irregular during the interval of my visits, I found that as much progress as could be expected, had been made in the various branches taught. In grammar, especially, a class of four boys had made rapid progress. A large and commodious school-house was erected in this settlement, but unfortunately, destroyed by fire; the present house is of small dimensions, but must be put in better repair before it can be considered sufficient.

The Newtown, Belfast, School is taught by Charles M'Eachern—40 scholars appear on the list, 33 of whom were present at the examination; a few of the elder ones were considerably advanced in arithmetic, but in reading and spelling the progress was not so satisfactory. Several were also totally destitute of books, and on some occasions in reading, one book was made to serve perhaps three or four children, who were also frequently at different stages in their proficiency; this, with other causes, tended to retard their improvement, especially in reading and pronunciation.