

of their school-houses—there being eight, comparatively new, comfortable, commodious and well-furnished. Godmanchester and St. Anicet No. II., have agreed to replace the old school-houses by new ones, and have already commenced operations. Hemmingford is putting up a handsome building in the village; the municipality requires several others, and so does the Dissentient municipality. There are three new ones needed in Havelock; those in Franklin require renovation: in short, there is not a Municipality, except Huntingdon, that will not have to over-haul its schools. All are deficient in regard to school-furniture and appliances.

INSPECTOR.

The Inspector made 261 official visits, spending from 2 hours to 3 days, according to the requirements of the school, examining it; held 10 Competitive Examinations; distributed the Prize-books, generally for proficiency, regularity, and improvement in writing; was frequently in consultation with the Commissioners and Trustees relative to Educational affairs; examined the Books of the Secretary-Treasurers; but had not been able to visit the Schools of Argenteuil twice, though he attended to the best of his ability to all the duties of his office.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MCGREGOR,

School Inspector.

Through the courtesy of the Education Department, we have been enabled to present our readers with the above Report of Mr. McGregor, upon the Elementary Schools in his Inspectorial District. We believe that the official statement of the opinions and work of the school Inspectors should have the fullest circulation among teachers, Commissioners, and the public generally; and we therefore propose to publish from month to month Reports of the Inspectors from the English-speaking districts, with editorial remarks upon any points which call for special notice.

Inspector McGregor is certainly to be congratulated upon his first Annual Report. There are several features in it which encourage us to look for marked improvement in the schools under his inspection. The inauguration of a series of Competitive Written Examinations for the Elementary schools of the district is a very important step and cannot fail to have a beneficial influence upon the schools generally.

The practical difficulties which attend the carrying out of such a scheme with schools scattered over a wide area are very great,