

sums in effecting permanent and substantial improvements.

The Spring Ridge school-house was thoroughly renovated, including painting inside and out; and new out-buildings, with modern sanitary provisions complete, were erected.

The Kingston street building, which had for a number of years been in disuse for school purposes, was thoroughly repaired and put into a condition of occupancy.

The work done on the South Park building consisted principally of retopping the chimneys, repairing the slate roofing, erecting an inclined roof over the central portion, where the original gravel roof leaked badly, building a storm-porch at the main entrance and laying a tile drain below the front foundation to prevent the flooding of the basement.

The section of the Central buildings occupied by the Boys' School required considerable work at the foundation in the laying of new sills. In the portion occupied by the High School one of the brick walls, which was in danger of falling, was torn down and rebuilt, a much needed vestibule was built, a system of ventilation was constructed, and the class-room accommodation improved by the removal of a partition and other internal changes.

The amount spent at Victoria West was principally for interior painting and calsomining; and that at the North Ward was mainly for considerable repairs to the gutters and down pipes.

School Accommodation.

The crowded condition of the South Park School made it necessary to re-open the Kingston street building