

The following table indicates the number, grade and sex of teachers employed:

WINTER TERM.		
Males.	Females.	Total.
A.....1	C.....10	Males.....79
B.....20	D.....10	Females....34
C.....16	E.....14	—
D.....42		113
SUMMER TERM.		
Males.	Females.	Total.
A.....1	C.....11	Males.....82
B.....20	D.....10	Females....42
C.....17	E.....21	—
D.....44		Both.....124

You will notice an increase of eleven in the number of teachers employed during the Summer over the Winter term; and also a corresponding increase in the number of departments in operation in spite of dull times, scarcity of money and general depression in our coal trade, which is the principal product of this county.

School houses.—The Trustees of School Section, No. 46, Little Bras D'or East, have finished a very comfortable new house, tolerably well equipped with wall maps, black-board surface, &c. Also the Trustees of Section, No. 11, Little Glace Bay, are building an additional house which will be, according to contract, completed early in May next. There is also a new house in course of erection in Coxheath Section, which is understood to be finished and ready for school purposes in the beginning of the Summer term. The rate-payers of Gabarus Section at their annual meeting voted a liberal sum towards the building of a new house, which probably will be finished at an early date. Louisburg East where there was no school, for a number of years, have this fall established a school; but having no school-house owned by the Section, were obliged to rent a house until such time as they could build.

For the past year considerable improvements have been made in school accommodations, either in building new houses or repairing old ones, yet in many sections in the outlying districts the accommodations are not at all what they should be.

Books, Maps, Furniture and Apparatus.—In four sections only the books are kept as public property. In the other sections each pupil provides and possesses such books as he requires. The Hemispheres, Nova Scotia and Dominion Maps are generally used in all the schools.

Furniture and Apparatus.—In respect to these considerable improvement has been made in many sections, although there are still many sections woefully in need.

The County Academy, with all its departments under the supervision of the Rev. James Christie, A. M., a gentleman of high culture, is doing remarkably well. North Sydney School under the charge of Mr. Rindress is making good and steady progress, and the same can be said of Sydney Mines Schools under the superintendence of Mr. McLeod, one of the most successful, if not the most successful, teacher in the county.

Glace Bay, Bridgeport, Lingan, Cow Bay and other schools are making very fair progress.

Respectfully yours,

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