

Rev. Mr. *Parant*, (Chateau Richer.) Yes.

Rev. Mr. *Lavoie*, (St. Vincent de Paul.) Yes.

Rev. Mr. *Manseau*, (Industry Village.) The school system works rather imperfectly, except in the Model School kept by the Frères.

Rev. Mr. *Bernier*, (Halifax.) Yes.

Rev. Mr. *Paradis*, (Pointe du Lac.) It is doubtful.

Rev. Mr. *Refour*, (Milton.) The system does not work in our Township in such a way as to give a sufficient education, suited to the industrial interests of the country, for there is not one child among those who have attended our schools who is capable of writing a tolerable letter or of drawing up a simple note, or keeping according to rule a small journal of receipt and expenditure. Notwithstanding that we have had schools for a long time, I think it would be better not to have any than to have them so badly kept and so badly conducted. The children make no progress, and we spend, uselessly, considerable sums and get up an infinite number of difficulties and troubles.

Rev. Mr. *Milette*, (St. Augustin.) The system does not work in this Municipality so as to afford sufficient education, suitable to the interests of the country. For my part I attribute the cause less to the law than to the need which the farmers generally have of their children's services to assist them in their labours.

Rev. Mr. *Laporte*, (St. Ambroise de Kildare). The instruction which the youth receive here, though in only one of the schools of this municipality, is, in my opinion, sufficient for the mass of the population.

Rev. Mr. *Pelletier*, (Stanford). "To this question, I reply in the negative."

Rev. Mr. *Caron*, (St. Joachim de Chateauguay). "I beg of you not to take it amiss that I do not answer the questions you have addressed me as Chairman of the Committee on Education, for not having been a School Commissioner for several years, I am not supposed to be acquainted with, and to know several of the matters on which I am questioned, because however good the intention which I ought to suppose exists in the Committee of the House, would it not compromise us (the Clergy) to answer several of the said questions; would it not be playing an odious part to become the censors of the officers appointed by the Government to make the school laws work, which would be the case if we answered all the questions which have been addressed to us, and might be productive of unhappy results to us. Believe then, sir, the regret I experience in being unable to conform to your wishes."

Rev. Mr. *Proulx*, (St. Philippe). The school system works tolerably: and I think it will afford to the youth an education sufficient for the interests of commerce and the trades.

Rev. Mr. *Caron*, (St. Frédéric). My answer to this question is in the negative; if we have not the satisfaction of seeing education progress according to our wishes, we have at least the consolation of seeing the children of our good farmers sufficiently instructed to learn their religion and make good citizens.

Rev. Mr. *Desautels*, (Rigaud). "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 30th March last, in which you transmit me questions on the part of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of elementary education, and the operation of the School Laws in my parish. As it is not part of my duty to watch over the officers appointed by the Government to make the School Laws work, you will not take it amiss that I do not answer the said questions, and I beg of you to inform the Committee over which you preside, of the regret I experience in being unable on this occasion to conform to its wishes."

Rev. Mr. *LeBlond*, (Rivière des Prairies). Yes, since this autumn.

Rev. Mr. *Vinet*, (Sault au Récollet). Regrets that he cannot answer.

Rev. Mr. *Côté*, (St. Ferréol). In reply to the letter which you did me the honor to address me, dated the 26th March last, I beg to inform you that not