

new settlements in which a greater latitude is necessarily permitted. Nevertheless, since the compilation of the statistical tables of 1857, many localities have been obliged to engage teachers, both male and female, who hold diplomas, and as soon as the question now pending relative to the creation of new boards of examiners shall have been decided by the Government and the Legislature, it is my intention to insist on the most exact execution of the condition attached to the apportionment of the legislative grant.

The number of females holding diplomas, and engaged in tuition is 1100; in 1856 it was 303, an increase of 797. The number of females engaged in teaching, and unprovided with diplomas is 750; in 1856 it was 1574, a diminution of 824. The comparison cannot be carried further back, as several Inspectors, previous to 1856, included in their reports many teachers as holding diplomas, (particularly females) who held merely a certificate of qualification, given provisionally by the Inspectors themselves. This accounts for the great diminution apparent in the number of female teachers holding diplomas in 1856, when compared with that of the year before.

The following table shews the number of diplomas issued by the Boards of examiners, and by the normal schools during the year 1857. The statement differs from that which is found in the former part of this report, in as far as it refers to the normal schools, because that included the whole period from 1st January, 1858, to the present date.

NATURE OF DIPLOMA.	NORMAL SCHOOLS.		BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.											
	J.-Cartier normal school.	McGill normal school.	Laval normal school.	Montreal (catholic).	Montreal (protestant).	Quebec (catholic).	Quebec (protestant).	Three-Rivers.	Sherbrooke.	Stunstead.	Ottawa.	Kamouraska.	Gaspé.	Total.
Academy .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	3
Model school or superior primary	7	...	...	15	3	14	1	14	2	1	1	12	...	70
Element. school..	1	17	...	533	2	168	...	171	62	73	...	76	...	1103
Total .....	8	17	...	548	5	182	1	187	64	75	1	88	...	1176

As in the last year, so in the present, there is a slight increase in the salaries of the teachers, but much remains yet to be done in this respect. There are still unfortunately 112 male, and 1004 female teachers who receive each less than £25 per annum; 419 male and 821 female teachers who receive from £25 to £50 exclusively; 266 teachers who receive from £50 to £100 exclusively; of the last there were in 1856 only 196, so there is an increase of 70. The number of teachers receiving £100 and upwards is 29; in 1856 there were only 10. The number of female teachers receiving from £50 to £100 exclusively is 35; last year only 20. The highest salary given to teachers is £200; the highest to a female is £125.

The number of parish-libraries is 96, containing 60,510 volumes.

I have not thought it necessary to publish the table of books in use this year, as on the whole, they differ slightly from those of last year.

Appendix B contains an account of the finances of the department and statistics particularly connected therewith. The first table is a continuation of the report relative to the distribution of superior education under the Act 19 Vic. c. 54. It contains the name of each institution, the county where it is situated, the number of pupils and the grant for 1857, shewing also the grants for 1855 and 1856. The distribution for 1855 was the last made by the legislature, and as far as was practicable the two others were based upon it.

To be continued.

## MONTHLY SUMMARY.

### EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The Revd. Mr. Pilote, Superior of the College of Ste. Anne Lapocatière, has recently left for Europe. He will visit Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy. The main object of his tour is to visit the chief educational establishments of these countries, to complete the library and collections for the museum of his college, and to inquire into the management of schools of agriculture; the college having now an institution of that kind under its auspices.

—The Montreal Catholic Commercial School, situated at the Corner of Côte and Vitre Streets, will, from and after the first of May next, be conducted under the superintendence of Mr. U. E. Archambault, who has obtained diplomas from the Jacques Cartier Normal School, in place of Mr. Doran, the present principal, who resigns.

The English classes will be under the direction of Mr. Anderson. The french classes, under the direction of Mr. professor Garnot and the Principal.

—Including the city of Philadelphia, there were in public schools in the State of Pennsylvania, during the year which terminated on the first Monday of June 1858, 628,201 pupils; these were instructed during an average term of a little over five months, in 11,281 schools, by 13,856 teachers, at a total cost of \$2,427,632.

—The governor of the State of New-York, in his recent message to the Legislature, states that the amount of capital of the school fund is \$2,551,260, which shows an increase during the year of \$24,868. The capital of the fund for literary purposes amounts to \$269,952; the amount received for revenue is \$16,411, which is annually to be distributed to academies and used for the purchase of text books, maps, globes, philosophical and chemical apparatus for academies. The number of school districts in the state is 11,617, of school houses 11,566, of children between 4 and 21, 1,240,111; of children attending the public schools 842,137, of male teachers employed during the year 8,266, of female teachers, 17,887. Nearly 400 of the teachers hold diplomas from the State Normal School. The total receipts of the public schools from the State, district taxes, rate bills, during the year were \$3,792. The school libraries contain 1,402,253 volumes.

—We make the following extracts from the City superintendent's annual report on the condition of the schools:

The system of public instruction in the City and County of New York as organized by the Board of Education, in accordance with the provision of the existing law comprises a Free Academy for the collegiate education of boys; four Normal Schools for the instruction of teachers; fifty-seven Ward Schools, including fifty-one Grammar Schools for boys; forty-nine Grammar Schools for girls, and fifty-five Primary Departments for both sexes: thirty-five Primary Schools, forty-two Evening Schools, twenty-three of which are for male and nineteen for female pupils, and ten corporate schools. The number of pupils under instruction in the Free Academy is 775; in the boys' Grammar Schools 28,309; girls, Grammar Schools, 22,991; Primary Departments, 52,276; Primary Schools 21,096; Evening Schools about 20,000; Normal Schools, 856; and corporate schools, 10,507. The whole number on register in the several Ward and Primary Schools and Departments is 131,672, and the average attendance 49,172.

The whole number of teachers employed in the several schools under the charge of the Board is 1400; 200 of whom are males and 1,200 females.—There are also 11 corporate institutions in different sections of the city, which participate in the distribution of the School fund, but are in no other respect under the jurisdiction of the Board.—*Upper Canada Journal of Education.*

—The number of organised school districts reported for Michigan is 3,945, in which there are 225,550 children between the ages of four and eighteen years. The increase during the year has been 197 districts and 9,622 children between the legal ages.

The reports of the last year showed an attendance at school, of 162,936 children out of 216,928,—or seventy-six per cent. The reports for the present year indicate an attendance of 173,559 children out of 225,550,—or seventy-seven per cent. of the whole. As more than one hundred districts, maintaining schools from three to ten months, failed to report the number of children in attendance, the above must be considerably less than the real number attending school during the year, exclusive of such as have attended seminaries, academies, and other schools.

The average length of time schools have been maintained in the districts reporting, six months. The number of teachers employed has been 7,228, of whom 2,324 are males and 4,904 females. The wages paid these teachers amount, in the aggregate, to \$443,113 71, of which amount \$118,084 14 has been raised by rate bill.

The amount raised by voluntary tax upon the property of districts voting it, is \$316,558 26. Of this sum \$119,175 51 has been for building school houses.