

be set apart as a Municipality for School purposes, and have nominated the four following individuals, as eligible for School Commissioners, viz :—M. M. Mathew Brenan, Joseph Dayley, A. McDonell, and Caleb Brooks. I would therefore most respectfully direct your attention to this matter, and I beg to state that the parties so nominated are respectable and competent, that it would add materially to the advancement of Education in that Township to have it set apart as a Municipality for School purposes.

I would most respectfully suggest as a fit and proper person, for the remaining Commissioner the Rev. Thomas O'Boyle, who has materially advanced the cause of education in the adjacent Township of Wakefield, which is also a part of his mission.

I commence to-morrow my third general visit through this District, the state of the roads precluding the possibility of my being able to accomplish that task at an earlier period.

It is with much pleasure I have to state that there is a considerable augmentation to the number of schools in this district. I have endeavoured, however, in every instance, in accordance with your general instructions, to inculcate the principle of having as few schools, as is consistent with a due regard to the educational wants of the population, and to have these schools superintended by well qualified teachers. The inefficiency of the means at the disposal of the Commissioners, operates much, however, in the meantime as a barrier to the realization of this end, as men of Education are better remunerated at almost any other occupation on the Ottawa, than following that of instructor of youth.

The insolvency of three out of the eighteen municipalities in the District, gives me at present much anxiety. My utmost exertions will in the meantime be directed to devise some scheme to enable those municipalities to extricate themselves out of this dilemma, and I trust it will be effected in a manner both satisfactory and conducive to the public welfare.

I enclose herewith the recommendation of the Rev. Mr. O'Boyle.

I have the honor &c.,
(Signed)

J. J. RONEY,
School Inspector.

J. B. Meilleur, S. E., Montreal.

AYLMER, 5th January, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith the Returns of the Municipalities of Aylmer and the Allumettes Island, as well as those of the dissentients of Aylmer.

The schools in the Village of Aylmer are conducted by teachers of fair talent, and those in the Allumettes Island by men whose capacity as teachers is equal to those in almost any other rural section of the District.

The law is in operation in every Municipality in this country, with the exception of Onslow; the inhabitants of which township, however, elected their Commissioners at the proper period, and in accordance with the Statute; it is hence probable that steps may be taken against them for neglect of duty, as the inhabitants are much exasperated at their conduct.

The Returns of some of the distant Municipalities may be a little better than usual this season; but as the law is only in its initiation there, I beg that you will grant them a little indulgence.

I have the honor, &c.,
(Signed)

J. J. RONEY,
School Inspector.

Dr. Meilleur, S. E., Montreal.