

OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,

49 GEORGE STREET,

10TH MARCH, 1874.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Would you kindly permit me to make the following explanation suggested by you in our conversation yesterday relative to the *apparent* discrepancies in some of the items of expenditure as exhibited in the Annual Report of the School Commissioners of Halifax City for last year.

First, as to the statement in the Chairman's Report that \$66,265.53 does not come out fully from the Annual Tables, you will perceive by turning to the General Account, page 32, that it is made up of the two sums of \$53,270.80; which is taken from the cost of maintenance, \$12,994.73, page 29, which may be called additional expenses incurred in carrying out the system, and which could not be conveniently distributed among the various schools.

Second—as to the Teachers' Salaries.—In the sum opposite this item is included '14 months' pay incurred in consequence of the alteration from quarterly payment to monthly—the change took place in January, 1873.

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