

## Extract of a Report of Mr. Inspector BARDY.

## COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY.

This county consists of five school-municipalities, on the Beauport shore on the North side of the St. Lawrence, below Quebec, of one in rear of them, and of five in the Isle of Orleans.

**L'Ange-Gardien**.—The nearest to Quebec of the municipalities of the Beauport shore has three elementary schools where 130 children are taught all the branches of education prescribed by law. Mr. Tardif, an active and well qualified teacher, conducts the central school. His pupils are well versed in parsing and syntax. He likewise teaches some of them English. The two others are kept by two female teachers who conduct them very well.

**Château-Richer**.—In this municipality there are three schools with 144 scholars, who make tolerable progress. The two female teachers at the extreme points of the parish are ardently devoted to their work and are greatly esteemed. The male teacher of the central school is not so fortunate, and complains of the inattention of his pupils; but their backwardness may be imputed to the frequent changes of the teachers in the section. I am sorry to say, the Commissioners are in debt, and the Secretary-Treasurer does not keep his accounts in a satisfactory manner.

**Ste. Anne**.—This parish has only two schools, with 122 scholars, tolerably taught by two females who seem to give satisfaction. The financial management of the municipality is creditable to it. The Commissioners, who are all farmers, shew a laudable zeal.

**St. Joachim**.—The two schools in this parish number 116 children, who make satisfactory progress under two tolerable female teachers. Since my visit I have learned that a school has been opened at *Les Caps* and that another was to be opened in a distant concession. The Commissioners and the Secretary-Treasurer keep the affairs of the municipality in good order.

**St. Féréal**.—This municipality is poor, and has but one school in operation. The pupils, 49 in number, are backward. The Curé, whose zeal is very active encounters difficulties on the part of a certain number of the rate-payers who aim at diminishing the amount of the monthly contribution. They are establishing two other schools at the extremities of the parish, while the single one which they have they cannot support, without Supplementary Aid, granted by the Department, out of the Poor Municipalities' Fund.

**Laval**.—This municipality had for some time two schools in operation. The apathy and the penury of the rate-payers have caused them to be closed.

**St. Pierre**.—This, the first parish of the Isle of Orleans has three schools, well conducted, under the active superintendence of the Curé. They number 200 children. Mr. Fortin, the teacher of the central one, has good success, as have likewise the female teachers of the two other sections.

**St. Laurent**.—The progress made here by 156 scholars under a male and two female teachers is highly satisfactory. English is taught to 14 of them by the male teacher, 30 of whose pupils are also far advanced in arithmetic and grammar. The Commissioners are zealous, but the accounts are not well kept by the Secretary-Treasurer.

**St. Jean**.—This municipality has an academy very well conducted by Mr. Mignaud and his daughter. They teach arithmetic in all its branches, geometry, linear drawing, English, Latin and literary composition. School No 2 is conducted by another daughter of Mr. Mignault's with much success. Here too English is taught. There are two other schools, one kept by a new male teacher; the other, not under control, is attended by 30 children. The schools under control, number 196 scholars. The Commissioners manage their affairs well.

**St. François**.—Has two schools and about 50 scholars, who make but little progress through their own carelessness.

**Ste. Famille**.—Although this parish is very large, it contains only two sections. For once, I have succeeded in levying the monthly contributions. School No. 1, near the Church, is attended by 51 boys. Two Sisters of the Congregation of Notre-Dame, impart instruction to about 30 boarders, and 10 day scholars in their academy. Latterly, they have suspended their labors, to allow needful repairs to be done to their convent.

## COUNTY OF PORT-NEUF.

This populous county, extending from the boundaries of Ste. Foye

and Old Lorette to Ste. Anne de la Pêrade, comprises, on the banks of the St. Lawrence the school-municipalities of Cap-Rouge, St. Augustin, Pointe-aux-Trembles, the Ecureuils, Cap Santé, Deschambault and the Grondines; and in rear, those of St. Casimir, St. Basile, St. Raymond and St. Catherine.

**Cap Rouge**.—Has one school only attended by 56 scholars. The teacher is tolerably well qualified, and the scholars advanced pretty well. Most of them are young. They are taught both languages. The school-house is large and well built; but the municipality has not yet completed the payments for it.

**St. Augustin**.—This municipality has 4 schools, and numbers 230 scholars. In school No. 4, kept by Mr. Drolet, the children make satisfactory progress, as also in that kept by Mlle Vallière. The latter is talented, and instructs several of the pupils in English and instrumental music. The results of school No. 3 would be equally satisfactory, if the parents sent their children more regularly. As to the school No. 1, I regret that I have to state, that of 35 children whose names are on the roll, not more than 10 generally attend, and that in many days, not more than 4 or 5 answer to their names. This state of things may be ascribed to the poverty of these children who reside near Lake St. Augustin, at a great distance from the school.

**Pointe-aux-Trembles**.—This municipality has also 4 schools. Those of sections 2 and 3 go on very well. As to the two others the progress of the children is but small. The number in the municipality is 222. Mr. Vallière, who keeps No. 3, besides French, teaches English to 17 pupils, who learn an English translation of Lévizac's grammar. No. 2, kept by Mr. Fecteau, numbers 55 boys who study French grammar, some Lhomond's, others Chapsal's. English is also here taught to 17 pupils. The same language is also taught by Mr. Blumhart in section No. 1 to 16 pupils.

**Ecureuils**.—In this small municipality there is only a single school at which 98 children, taught by Mr. Bédard, have made remarkable progress since my last visit. The master teaches some of his pupils English.

**Cap Santé**.—The schools in this municipality contain upwards of 300 children. There are two dissentient schools at the place called Haleborough and one at Portneuf. The latter has been lately closed. It numbered 30 pupils. There are near the Church two good independent schools, one of 25 boys, the other of 20 girls. Of the six other schools, that of section No. 1, kept by Mr. Gaudry, is entitled to particular notice on account of the progress of the pupils in the two languages, and in arithmetic and book-keeping. The Commissioners have appointed a Secretary-Treasurer who does honor to the municipality by his manner of keeping the books.

**Deschambault**.—This municipality comprises 8 schools: 5 in the ancient parish of Deschambault, and 3 in St. Alban, a new parish only canonically erected. The 8 schools contain about 300 scholars. I ought to make honorable mention of the model-school for boys, conducted by Mr. Belleau, and of that of Mlle. Daniel in section No. 2. The good behaviour of the pupils, and the discipline kept up in these schools are deserving of admiration. Mr. Belleau teaches book-keeping, the use of the globes, and epistolary writing with great success, and even Latin to some of his pupils. The other schools are also conducted in a satisfactory manner, except that in section No. 4.

**Grondines**.—In this municipality there are 5 schools, and 218 pupils. The central one is kept by a capable master, who teaches some of his scholars English. School No. 5, kept by Mlle. Turcot, would be more remarkable for progress if the pupils gave better attendance.

**St. Casimir**.—This municipality has at present no more than two schools with 157 scholars. It has always until recently been difficult to manage them, on account of the frequent changes of the female teachers, who are selected for the low salary they agree to take. They are however improving.

**St. Basile**.—This municipality also contains two schools which the Commissioners kept up in spite of the poverty of the rate-payers. The female teacher in No. 1 is well thought of and shews an aptitude for teaching. The school in No. 2 in which the rate-payers are Irish, is destitute of the necessary articles. The number of children in both schools is 90.

**St. Raymond**.—This municipality contains 6 sections under the control of the Commissioners. The population consists of French