

schools of the Society in Montreal had at that time been in operation for nearly a quarter of a century, and that during the whole of this long period they had been instrumental in promoting in many ways the cause of public instruction.

The examination of the children in different subjects taught in the schools was most satisfactory. They were questioned by the Rev. Superintendent on Bible history, Catechism and the Liturgy, and their replies showed that this part of their instruction had been very carefully attended to.

During the past session, as in years gone by, it has been my duty to supervise the teaching of the Normal School students in the different classes, and I must not fail to state that these young persons enter very earnestly into their duties, and that in their professional training they receive much benefit from the practice and direction which the Society's schools afford them.

In concluding my report I must again advert to my own position in connection with the Society's work in the Province as far as education is concerned—a connection which depends to a great extent upon the maintenance of these schools in the city of Montreal. From the first I felt great pleasure in helping, as far as I could, to establish here the means of educating a large number of the children of Canada in all those subjects which constitute a good Elementary education, especially as I was convinced of the soundness of what was done, from the fact that according to the principles of the Society under whose care the schools were maintained, the whole system of instruction was based on careful Bible teaching. And now, in conclusion, I would merely add that I still feel glad to be associated with the work of the Society. A large measure of success has been accorded to it, but there is yet much to be done. May the record of the future bear still stronger testimony to the benefits which follow the labours of those who endeavour faithfully to instruct the young in the truths of our Holy Religion.