

the school rooms. The Commissioners have insisted upon this under penalty of the public grants being withheld; and this decision has had a most beneficial effect. The rooms are putting on a new appearance, repairs and improvements are the order of the day, and will be insisted on to a much larger extent. The outside of the buildings, the grounds and all the surroundings will be attended to during the early spring months; so that, when you visit us next summer, we shall be able to show you a class of school buildings, not to be surpassed, we hope, in the Province.

The plan I adopted, and to which I alluded in my last Report, to ensure a supply of school books and slates in the hands of the smaller children, is working well. It consists in forbidding the teacher to enter upon the Register the name of any child who comes unprovided with a slate, a pencil, and such reading book as he or she may require on entering the school. During the summer visitation I found no instance in which this regulation was not carried out.

In the last term I did not fail to visit every school in the county, in several cases more than once; and the time I devote to each school is seldom less than half a day. Besides this, much time is spent in travelling, the more distant sections being over 30 miles from home.

This is the twelfth Report of the Yarmouth Schools I have had the honor to render under the present Act; and as I have so often and so fully discussed all the usual subjects brought forward in such documents, I shall omit them in the present instance. I will, therefore, close by expressing my thanks for the courtesy I have invariably received from you during the time I have been so intimately connected with the public schools of the country under your superintendence.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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