

President and Secretary-Treasurer last month; they informed me that they had advertised for two teachers and expected to have schools in operation early this fall.

Township of Hope.—In this municipality a considerable interest is taken in the cause of education. There are two excellent schools in operation, with excellent teachers holding first-class diplomas. The examinations were very satisfactory.

Little Nouvelle.—There is one Catholic school kept by a young lady, very competent. At the time of my visit, on the 23rd June, there were 56 children in attendance. The Rev. Mr. Tournier was present at the examination, which was very satisfactory. The inhabitants are finishing a very neat schoolhouse, which will be in operation by the first of next month.

Township of Paspébiac.—Only one school district in this municipality at present; the school is in full operation; 62 pupils in attendance; the teacher, Mr. Joseph Dorais, a gentleman holding a diploma from the Normal School, and well qualified. I regret to say that he intends leaving the school on the last of this month, July, owing to difficulties existing between the rate-payers and school commissioners, which difficulties, I now trust, are all arranged.

Township of Cox.—There are three school districts in this municipality, two of which are in operation; kept by male teachers provided with diplomas. These teachers have only been engaged since May last. They are both very young men, and have not yet acquired the art of teaching. I was attended on my visit to school No. 2 by Judge Winter, the sheriff, and several other gentlemen, and I was sorry to find the schoolhouse in a very dirty state and the teacher having no control over the pupils; he was severely reprimanded by me, and also by the Judge. I regret to say that very little interest is taken in the cause of education in this municipality by the majority of the rate-payers. When I visited that place last week I found that an election of the school commissioners was going on; the friends of education had proposed four gentlemen who, if elected, would have done much to improve the state of education in the township, but, unfortunately, they were opposed by another party, who proposed four others; the election lasted two days and the friends of education were defeated. I attended at the election and advised the people, but to no purpose.

Township of Hamilton.—There are five school districts in this municipality; two in operation: one kept by Mr. Picard, holding a first-class diploma, an excellent teacher; the school well attended; the pupils improving rapidly; examination very satisfactory. The other school, kept by a Mr. Raiche, was very inferior; his engagement expired on the 1st instant, and the commissioners are about engaging a more efficient teacher.

Township of New Richmond.—There are nine school districts in the municipality, six under control of school commissioners and three under dissent. Of the former there is at present only one school in operation, kept by a female, an excellent teacher. The school is well attended. Examination very satisfactory. There is much difficulty in procuring qualified teachers; the commissioners are expecting two from Quebec shortly. There are two schools in operation under the dissent; one male and one female teacher. Both schools were well attended, and examination satisfactory.

Township of Maria.—Six school districts in this municipality; four at present in operation. Two male and two female teachers, all efficient. Teachers holding diplomas. All the schools were well attended, and satisfactory.

Township of Carleton.—There are two school districts in this municipality. One Model School kept by Mr. Lucier, holding a diploma. The school is regularly attended by from 75 to 85 scholars. All the examinations have proved very satisfactory.

Township of Nouvelle.—Four school districts in this municipality.

Township of Shookbred.—Six school districts in this municipality. Only two at present in operation, kept by male teachers. Both schools are well attended, and examination satisfactory. The commissioners are endeavoring to engage other teachers for the vacant schools.

Township of Mann.—Two school districts; one in operation. This school is very inferior. The school has very poor attendance, considering the number of children in this municipality of the age to attend. The examination was not satisfactory.

Indian Mission.—This school has been kept for the last two years by one of the French Acadians, and attended regularly by from 75 to 80 young Indians, who have made wonderful progress. The Rev. Mr. Saucier visits the school very often, and takes interest in the improvement of the children.

Township of Ristigouche.—Two school districts in this municipality. The commissioners had engaged two teachers for the schools, but

they not being provided with diplomas, I advised them to appear before the Board of Examiners in May last. They attended but failed in obtaining diplomas. Both schools are at present vacant, but the late teachers are to appear before the Board of Examiners at its next sitting, to undergo the required examination and obtain diplomas.

Township of Metapédia.—One school in operation, kept by a male teacher holding a diploma.

New Rustico.—There are two school districts in this municipality, and two schools at present in operation, one kept by the former teacher of the Indian Mission School, and the other by a young Acadian settler, both very well qualified for the requirements of the children of the municipality. Neither being provided with diplomas, I have advised them to appear before the Board of Examiners at its sitting in August. These poor Acadians deserve encouragement, as they are using every exertion to promote education in their little colony.

(To be continued.)

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The fourth report of the Council of Military Education has been issued, the return thereof being brought up to March, 1866. First, that out of a complement of regiments and corps amounting to 177,430 men, there are 21,700 who can neither read nor write, 28,600 who can read but not write, 116,000 who can do both, 11,000 who have received a superior education. The educational advance of our army is considered satisfactory, inasmuch as during the last six years the uneducated men have decreased by from two to eighteen per cent., the cavalry representing the least, and the Military Train the greatest percentages of improvement. There are three classes of children's schools for which all soldiers' children are eligible on payment of a small fee, and 17,463 are so educated at various stations of British troops in the United Kingdom and the Colonies. A list of garrison libraries is given in the report, by which it appears that they contain unitedly 203,700 volumes, an increase of 7,000 over the previous year. Aldershot, Malta, Chatham are conspicuous in the list. The report concludes with an account of measures that have been lately adopted at the suggestion of Sir William Hamilton, for giving definite recreation to troops on long voyages.—*Exchange.*

—Rev. Mr. Brunet, it is said, will succeed the Rev. Mr. Langevin as Principal of the Laval Normal School, and the Rev. Mr. Edmond Langevin, Secretary to His Lordship the Archbishop of Quebec, will, it is believed, be appointed Grand Vicar to his brother, Bishop Langevin.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

—Monday night the officers and men of the Royal Artillery, and a brilliant party of civilian ladies and gentlemen had the pleasure of a literary entertainment at the hands of Lieut-Col. McCrae, Capt. Knox, Lieut. Harvey and an officer of the 30th Regiment. The band of the Artillery was in attendance, varying and enlivening the proceedings at appropriate intervals with very fine music. The Artillery Barracks afforded the place of meeting, the room occupied being gaily dressed off with flags, arms, etc., which created an agreeable effect. Capt. Knox commenced with the reading of some lively poetic selections, and was followed by Lieut. Harvey, who read an animated description of scenes aboard a ship on fire at sea. Col. McCrae read the famous passage from "Martin Chuzzlewit," containing the incidents immediately preceding Mark Tapley's retirement from the "Dragon," and sketching his departure from the village in search of misfortunes to make him "jolly." The humor of the piece was admirably brought out by the reader, whose correct understanding of the characters, and clear and intelligent enunciation were the subject of general remark. All the gentlemen demonstrated the fact that their military duties had not forbade their cultivation of letters, and that their merit as elocutionists was of no mean order. The audience were greatly pleased with their intellectual treat, and we doubt not will be anxious to enjoy the next of the same kind whenever it is given.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

—The Emperor of the French has presented to the Imperial Library the original M.S. of Humboldt's "Cosmos."

—The Faculty of Arts of the Laval University, Quebec, has resolved to offer annually three prizes for competition in poetry. These prizes will consist of medals bearing the arms of the University, the inscription *Prix de poésie*, and the date. The first prize medal will be of gold, the second of silver and the third of bronze. Of the poems intended for competition, two copies will have to be sent in (pre-paid) to the Secretary of the Faculty of Arts before the 30th of May in each year, together with a sealed envelop bearing a motto, and the name and address of the writer,