



### BEAR RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(The result of the Consolidation of two School Sections.)

The present Bear River School Section was formed by the union of the two border sections, Bridgeport and Hillsburg, in 1893. For one year the more advanced classes met in the former school house, and the lower classes in the latter. In November, 1894, the consolidated school met in the present large and commodious building, a cut of which appears above. The school opened with five departments, but it was found after two years that another department was necessary, and in 1896 the second primary department was organized. The school has had six departments ever since. The average enrolment for the past ten years has been 275, and the average grand total day's attendance for the same time has been something over 36,000. By comparing these figures with statistics of other schools, as given in the Journal of Education, it will be seen that the Bear River school is one of the largest in Western Nova Scotia.

The advanced department consisting of Grades 9, 10 and 11, has had an average enrolment of 37 since 1904. In the four years ending 1904 this school had obtained 24 D certificates, 22 C's and 22 B's. Of those who obtained these certificates 18 passed the Minimum Professional Qualification Examination and received teachers' licenses.

There are eight large well lighted class rooms in the present school house with commodious cloak-rooms, large halls, good water in the first and second storeys, large public hall (with a piano, stage and scenery), excellent books of reference, apparatus for elementary chemistry, and much other necessary apparatus. The situation of the school from a sanitary point of view is all that could be desired, and the natural scenery, viewed from the school or its surroundings, is charmingly beautiful.

The course of study in the advanced department is the same as in the County Academies.

This term the High School enrolls 13 B's, 13 C's and 21 D's, 47 in all, with average of 42 to date, 1st October.