

the younger portion of the members. At the worst, no very great harm can come of it. The regular work of the Association is not so vitally essential that a year's interruption for the sake of a holiday tour will produce any very grave inconvenience.—*The Athenæum*.

INSPECTOR McLOUGHLIN'S REPORT

UPON THE PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT OF BEDFORD.

For the Year ending June, 1882.

To the Hon. The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SIR,—I beg leave to submit my Report on the state of the schools in my District of Inspection, for the current year. This Report would have been forwarded in June, were it not for the additional information which you required in regard to the Mixed Schools. This made it necessary to withhold my Report until I had completed my summer visits. I finished them on the seventh of this month (September).

I have visited nearly all the schools in this district twice during the year. Those that have not been visited twice, will be accounted for on a supplementary sheet annexed to this Report.

Last winter was a particularly difficult one for travelling in this District. There was very little good sleighing. The travelling had to be done mostly in a waggon, and this gave slow progress when the roads were rough and frozen. A good deal of time was lost in consequence of this, and I was unable in consequence to visit all the schools last winter. This summer I have visited all but five or six in St. Predentienne, and two in Milton, and one in Roxton Falls. That is, I have visited all that were in operation at the time of my visit. The schools have, upon the whole, been doing fair work and making respectable progress. Quite a number of new school-houses have been built, and others improved during the year. Improved desks and seats have been introduced into a number of school-houses, particularly in the Township of Stanbridge. The most noticeable feature of the year, however, as regards school matters, is the improvement in teachers' salaries. Teachers' wages have improved throughout the District, and in many parts they receive one-fourth more than they did two years ago. I attribute this improvement