

fatal proclivities. Now the powers thus assigned, and those which the law had already given, could be exercised only by the medium and aid of agents appointed by the Government, paid by the Government, and responsible to the Government.

In short, in both sections of the Province, the system of public instruction is both departmental and municipal, but in Upper Canada it partakes more of the latter than the former; and there is nothing surprising in the fact, that the same principle also predominates in the business of inspection. In Lower Canada the opposite is the true state of things, and those persons who wish to see the system of Upper Canada introduced, independently of any other consideration, should premise the assimilation of the two school codes, and provide for the relief of the Department from a hundred faculties and duties which it would become impossible to exercise and discharge.

I regret the great length to which this Report has grown. As the terms of your letter were made as comprehensive as possible, I thought it incumbent on me to omit no labor of research which might be necessary in order to complete the body of information required.

I recapitulate as follows :

1. I should prefer some improvement of the present system to any actual change, as I have shewn at the close of the first section of this work.

2. The reduction of the number of inspectors, so as to increase the amount of remuneration and yet to diminish the actual ex-

penditure, seems to me very difficult to be effected. Assuming such a reduction, I should recommend the plan set forth in table B. Twelve districts, instead of ten laid down in the table, would seem preferable, and afford room to diminish the extent of Districts 3, 6, and 7. But in that case it would be requisite either to lower the proposed rates of salaries, or otherwise to give up the hope of any saving. With twelve inspectors and the following scale of salaries, \$1,200, \$1,400, and \$1,600, we should reach \$16,300, and effect a saving of rather more than \$600. I fear the above rates of salary would be too low. There is also another system of remuneration, which would deserve consideration, that of allowing so much for fees for each school visitation and so much for travelling expenses per day when absent from place of residence.

— 3. It does not appear to me practicable, in the present state of the municipal system of Lower Canada and of the law respecting public instruction, to relieve this department from the expense and labor of the inspection of schools, and it is my sincere conviction, that for a long time to come, no system of purely municipal inspection can be brought to work with advantage.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Superintendent of Education.

TABLE B.

DISTRICTS OF INSPECTION AND NAMES OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS CONTAINED IN EACH.	Population of each district of Inspection.	Number of schools under control.	Number of scholars in each district of Inspection.	Proposed Salaries of Inspectors.
No. 1. Includes the judicial districts of Gaspé and Rimouski, except the Protestant Schools of the district of Gaspé.....	41,465	88	4,702	\$ 1,400
No. 2. Includes the judicial districts of Saguenay and Chicoutimi.....	31,802	71	3,051	1,400
No. 3. Includes the judicial districts of Kamouraska, Montmagny, Quebec and Beauce, except the Protestant Schools of the City and County of Quebec and of the County of Lévis.....	257,668	652	37,947	1,800
No. 4. Includes the judicial districts of Arthabaska, Three Rivers and Richelieu, except the Protestant Schools of the County of Mégantic.....	162,646	439	23,466	1,600
No. 5. Includes the judicial districts of St. Francis and Bedford, except the Catholic Schools.....	58,174	291	9,975	1,600
No. 6. Includes the judicial districts of St. Hyacinthe and Iberville, besides the Catholic Schools of the judicial districts of St. Francis and Bedford.....	123,223	539	26,571	1,800
No. 7. Includes the judicial districts of Montreal, Joliette and Beauharnois, except the Protestant Schools of the City of Montreal and of the Counties of Jacques-Cartier, Hochelaga and Huntingdon.....	263,762	495	29,282	1,800
No. 8. Includes the judicial districts of Terrebonne and Ottawa, except the Protestant Schools of the Counties of Argenteuil, Ottawa and Pontiac.....	69,805	169	8,341	1,400
No. 9. Includes the Protestant Schools of the City and County of Quebec, of the Counties of Lévis, and Mégantic, Gaspé and Bonaventure.....	22,008	61	3,559	1,800
No. 10. Includes the Protestant Schools of the City of Montreal, and of the Counties of Hochelaga, Jacques-Cartier and Argenteuil, and also the Protestant Schools of the judicial districts of Beauharnois and Ottawa.....	58,849	196	10,834	1,800
Totals.....		3,004	157,748	16,400