

lent Academies, and are therefore not so much in need of Model Schools.

Drawing and Book-keeping, to some extent, are taught in the majority of our schools, but the teaching of Agriculture is totally neglected.

The number of pupils in the Country schools between 7 and 14 years of age is 4,326; the number enrolled on the School Register is 4,942, and the daily average attendance is 3,049, or about 61 per cent. Thus it is seen that irregularity in attendance is one of the principal hindrances to the progress of education in the country.

There are 5 Model Schools, 2 Convents, 2 Academies, 2 High Schools, 1 Normal School and 22 Independent Schools in this Inspection District—all doing good work in their respective spheres.

TEACHERS.

The staff of teachers consists of 381, 68 males and 313 females. Of these, 50 males (of whom 7 have no Diplomas) and 236 females (of whom 10 have no Diplomas), are teachers in the Schools under control; the rest, 18 males and 77 females, are teaching in the Independent Schools. The male teachers without Diplomas are Professors of special Branches in the Montreal Schools, and have University Degrees. Of the female teachers without Diplomas, 6 are nuns in the Convents of St. Anicet and Hemmingford; of the other four, one is teaching an Independent School, subsidized, however, by Chatham No. 11.; another in Harrington No. 1. has a "Third Class Certificate" from Ontario; the third is an assistant teacher in Grenville No. 11.; and the fourth was teaching in the School District No. 9, Grenville No. 1.

Teachers are not overpaid anywhere, and the pittance they sometimes receive in the country indicates the value which both the Commissioners and people place upon Education. But frequently the teachers themselves are to be blamed for accepting a situation with a salary insufficient to board and clothe them decently. There are many, who never spend much time or money in qualifying themselves, ready to accept whatever wages are offered, and thus keep down the teachers' salaries almost to the starvation point, while remuneration in the other professions is gradually increasing. It would be an act of justice were the Legislature to enact a law fixing the minimum salary at two hundred dollars per annum.

We would recommend all teachers, not already armed, and those intending to become teachers, to go through a regular course of training in the Normal School, though we know some with only Diplomas, from the "Montreal Board of Examiners" giving as good satisfaction as the most successful of those holding Normal School Diplomas; yet, doubtless, additional training in that Institution would render the labors of the former still more