

tinue to maintain so many schools unless they receive a supplementary grant. If any municipality is deserving of it, on account of the efforts and the sacrifices which it has made, this certainly is the one.

7. *St. Valier*.—Five schools are in operation in this municipality; they are all elementary. A school for girls has been established in the village. The commissioners are more zealous than those whom they have succeeded.

8. *St. Raphael* maintains a model school and four elementary schools. The model school is at present under the direction of Mlle. Chouinard. The other schools are sufficient for the requirements of the different sections.

9. *Berthier*.—In this municipality there are three schools which, though only elementary, are not the less deserving of honorable mention. The school taught by Mr. Langlois is well worthy of being included in the number of model schools. The commissioners are very zealous. This little municipality pays great attention to its school affairs, and neglects nothing which can promote their improvement.

10. *St. François*.—Five schools, all elementary, are in operation in this municipality; they are of medium quality. There is a convent in this parish, under the management of the Reverend Sisters of the Congregation. An unfortunate difficulty has arisen between a former chairman of the corporation and the Secretary-Treasurer, respecting the money matters of the municipality.

11. *St. Pierre* maintains a model and three elementary schools. For the first half of the present year the model school was under the direction of Mlle. Dumais. The three other schools are well kept and taught by competent female teachers. The commissioners show very great zeal for the maintenance of their schools. The books and accounts of the corporation are well kept.

12. *St. Thomas*.—This large municipality maintains eight schools, of which one is a model school; the seven others are elementary. These latter are kept by competent female teachers, especially that taught by Miss Daziel, whose pupils have made remarkable progress during nearly ten years, which time she has been engaged in instruction. The academy for boys is taught by the Brothers of the Christian Doctrine, who are very successful. This parish has a convent under the care of the Ladies of the Congregation; it is well attended. The accounts are in good order.

13. *Grosse Isle*.—Some years since this island obtained a separate school from the Isle aux Grues, to which it was formerly attached. In consequence of the abolition, last summer, of the quarantine station, this school, which was attended solely by the children of the employés, has been closed for want of pupils. The school was only in operation six months.

14. *Isle aux Grues*.—This little municipality maintains two schools with zeal and success; one of these a model school under the direction of Mlle. Painchaud, who has been teaching for a great number of years. This lady is very competent; several of her pupils are now engaged in teaching, some of them with success.

15. *Cap St. Ignace*.—Eight schools are in operation in this municipality. The model school of the village, which is under the care of Mlle. Lachaine, a pupil of the Laval Normal School, is very well managed. The seven other schools are not very good, but are sufficient for the requirements of the sections. The commissioners of this municipality are zealous and well disposed. The registers and account books are in good order. Manifest progress has been made in this locality within the last few years.

16. *L'Islet*.—There are thirteen schools in this municipality. The model school is under the direction of the Brothers of the Christian Doctrine. Besides the usual subjects, English, drawing and singing are taught at this institution. The academy for girls is under the successful management of Mlle. Laugedoc. The eleven other schools are all well kept, especially those taught by Mlles. Cloutier, Boucher, and C. Fortin. The Secretary-Treasurer performs his duties with order and regularity.

17. *St. Cyrille*.—There are three schools in this small new municipality. All three are taught by competent female teachers, one of whom has no diploma. The ratepayers, although generally poor, make considerable sacrifices to maintain their schools.

18. *St. Jean Port Joly*.—This large municipality maintains ten schools, of which one is a model school and nine are elementary. Mlle. Letourneau, who teaches the model school, does very well.

The other schools are well kept and supply the wants of their sections. The accounts are in perfect order.

19. *St. Aubert*.—Five schools are in operation in this municipality. These schools are all kept by competent female teachers who hold diplomas. The commissioners are full of zeal and goodwill.

20. *St. Roch des Autnaics* maintains eleven schools; all good, and kept by female teachers who hold diplomas. Mlle. Langlais, who teaches the school for girls attached to the church, and Mlle. Pelletier, who keeps that on the lower beach, have done very well and are deserving of honorable mention. The pupils of Mr. Hudon, who teaches the Fabrique school, have made wonderful progress under him, especially in caligraphy and French grammar. It is to be regretted that difficulties have arisen with respect to the mill school, kept by Mlle. C. Cloutier.

#### Extracts from the Reports of Mr. Inspector BARDY.

COUNTIES OF QUEBEC, MONTMORENCY AND PORTNEUF, AND CATHOLIC POPULATION OF THE CITY OF QUEBEC.

#### First Report.

I do not venture to assert absolutely, in this report, that the progress which I have observed in the schools which I have visited during the past winter and spring, have been of the most satisfactory nature; the extract from the statistics which I have the honor to submit to you, will enable you to form an opinion respecting it. A few remarks which seem to me worthy of your attention will serve to relieve me from the necessity of repeating the observations of each half year.

1. The school municipality of *St. Michel de Beauport*, composed of some concessions detached from Beauport, and which was lately erected by you for the advantage of its ratepayers, has been subjected to some difficulties which have arisen between its commissioners and those of Beauport. But I have every reason to believe that these will be entirely done away with by your decision, to which both municipalities must conform. More than 80 children attend the only school established in this place. Under a competent master, no doubt can be entertained of its success.

2. In *Valcartier* there are three schools under the control of Protestant commissioners; they are attended by about 150 children, of whom 80 are Catholics. One is kept by a Catholic female teacher, who succeeds in giving satisfaction to all interested.

3. *Laval*, the school affairs of which are managed solely by the Curé, the Reverend Mr. Colford, who is chairman of the commissioners, and which is divided into three sections, has, however, in consequence of its poverty, but one school in operation.

4. In *Château Richer*, although that municipality, owing to former and incessant contentions, is still in debt, the centre school has been divided and a model school for boys established, which is successfully taught by Mr. Girardin, a teacher educated at the Laval Normal School; the girls have been left under the management of Mlle. Portelance, the former teacher. The former has 42, and the latter 45 pupils. At the other two schools 83 children receive instruction, giving a total of 170.

5. *St. Anne*, with two schools, educates about 120 children, and has commissioners who manage its affairs quietly and successfully.

6. *St. Joachim* has also two schools. That in the centre of the municipality is attended by about 120 children. The Curé, the Reverend Mr. Provencher, the chairman of the commissioners, is anxious, as I myself also am, to provide a male teacher for the boys and a female teacher for the girls. The school house is fine and roomy, and the interests of the children would seem to render this change necessary.

7. At *St. Tite des Caps*, in the school lately established, so to speak, in the depths of the forest, there are 50 pupils; it is entrusted to a young female teacher who manages it successfully.

8. *St. Féréal*.—This parish, always a poor one, has located its single school, which was formerly situated in the centre, at the southern extremity of the municipality for three years, proposing to remove it subsequently to the northern extremity for a similar period of time, and then to bring it back to the centre. This extraordinary system can never produce well educated pupils, as each