

New Reading Books.—I had lately the pleasure of perusing and examining the series of "Royal School Readers," published by the Messrs. Nelsons, London, and now for sale by Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax. This series of Readers, well illustrated, eclipses all I have hitherto seen of the kind for the public schools. I hope that nothing will prevent their immediate introduction in our schools.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. P. LANDRY.

A. S. HUNT, A. M.,
Superintendent of Education.

GUYSBORO COUNTY.

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE, Inspector.

SIR,—

I beg respectfully to lay before you a report on the educational condition of this County for the School Year, ended October 31st, 1876.

Schools have been conducted some parts of the year in seventy-two sections, out of the eighty-eight sections of this County. The following sixteen sections have been wholly without schools, viz.: ten in the District of Guysboro, and six in the District of St. Mary's. Those in the District of Guysboro are: No. 4 South Intervale; No. 6 Floman Valley; No. 16 Crow Harbor; No. 17 Half Island Cove; No. 21 White Head; No. 26 Yankee Harbor; Nos. 42 and 44 Country Harbor; No. 50 Fisherman's Harbor, and No. 51 Chapel Section, Salmon River. In the District of St. Mary's: No. 8 Upper West River; No. 9 Trafalgar; No. 15 Ecum Secum; No. 28 Goose Island; No. 29 Smoky Head, and No. 31 Holland's Harbor. In ten of the above sections, there are no school houses, the people in most of them are very poor and scattered, and unable to erect them, although the Board of Commissioners have offered to retain the County Fund for two years for that purpose. Yet nothing is done on account of the apathy and indifference of the majority of the rate-payers in the education of their children.

There were fifty-nine departments in operation during the winter, and seventy-six during the summer terms.

The following tables indicate the number, grade and sex of the teachers employed:—

		Winter Term.	
Males.		Females.	Total.
A.....	1	C.....	10
B.....	9	D.....	19
C.....	6	E.....	12
D.....	3		
		Both.....	60
		Summer term.	
			Total.
A.....	1	C.....	17
B.....	8	D.....	23
C.....	4	E.....	19
D.....	6		
		Both.....	78

Some of the sections having changed teachers during the summer term which causes an apparent difference between the number of departments and the number of teachers engaged.