

## APPENDIX No. 4.

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and all that fell under my observation having relation to the government of the School, gave me reason to believe that Mr. McNeill is not only a well-qualified, but also a very faithful and successful teacher of youth. The school-house is comfortable, and, in one sense, sufficient; but it is much too small for the proper accommodation of as many scholars as are generally in attendance. The school furniture has been constructed and arranged with a good deal of regard to the comfort and convenience of the pupils, but still it might easily be much improved, and indeed ought to be. Notified the Trustees to attend to this suggestion.

Seal River; James O'Rielly, Teacher; First or Lowest Class. Register, 24—Boys 19, Girls 5; average daily attendance, current quarter, 18 6-24; present to-day, 13—Boys 9, Girls 4. Reading, 24—4 classes. Writing, 15; some specimens very good; the teacher himself is a superior penman. Arithmetic, 16—2 classes; MS. books fair. Grammar, 9—2 classes. Geography, 6. Dictation, occasionally. No Scripture lessons, no prayers. Remarks—Thursday, 10th February, 1859. Visited this School this day. The Register seems to have been duly kept, but the daily attendance for the last four days has not been indicated by figures at the foot of each column, and neither have absences been indicated by the prescribed mark "ab." The scholars who were present seemed to be orderly and well-behaved. School-house sufficient and comfortable. School furniture better, more suitable and convenient than I have generally found it in other schools which I have visited. I entered the school-house a little after 1 o'clock and left it a little before 2 o'clock, p.m. Some of the scholars present told me the teacher was gone to get his dinner. The facts which I have above recorded were derived from my inspection of the Register, examination of manuscript books, and information communicated to me, in answer to questions put by me, by two or three very intelligent boys, pupils of the teacher. When I left the school-house the teacher was not returned. The average daily attendance, 18 6-24, above indicated on the current quarter, ranges over a period of six weeks, but, during that time, the School appears, by the Register, to have been taught for only 24 days.

Hillsborough; Charlottetown; Ewen Amos, Teacher; First or Lowest Class. Remarks—Monday, 21st March, 1859. Intending to visit this school to-day, called at the school-house, which I found closed, about 11 o'clock, a.m. On enquiring in the immediate neighbourhood, the reason of its being closed, I was informed that the teacher was in Jail, which, I am sorry to say, I have since found to be a fact.

King's Square, Charlottetown; John Arbuckle, Teacher; Second or Highest Class. Register, 38; average daily attendance, current quarter, 30. Reading, 38; 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Books. Writing, 20; fair specimens. Arithmetic, 16—3 classes. Grammar, 8—2 classes. Geography, 5; outlines. Testament class daily; 24. Remarks—Monday, 21st March, 1859. Visited this School this day. Number present, 32. Register duly kept. Some of the scholars, I am sorry to be obliged to say, behaved very ill, even whilst I was present; so ill indeed that I could not forbear commenting upon their behaviour with some severity. Their insubordination must, I fear, be attributed chiefly to laxity of discipline—to a want of energy, decision, and determination on the part of the teacher, who, however, on the score of ability, acquirements, and experience, is entitled to rank as one of the best teachers in the Island.