

Counties where consolidation is desirable and possible are Huntingdon, Montcalm, Orford, Missisquoi, Gaspé Peninsula, one or two small consolidations in Argenteuil. We now have nearly 40 consolidated schools in successful operation. It may be safely estimated that there are at least 15 to 20 further consolidations that may be made with good results all around.

Attention should be drawn also to our Protestant population scattered throughout the various parts of the Province where there are no schools available. At the present time, many children from these scattered parts of the Province are being trained at centres such as Huntingdon, Quebec, and New Arville. At these three centres, some 100 or more children are being accommodated through hostels established by various churches but there must be at a conservative estimate several hundred Protestant children throughout the Province who are getting no training at all and the Committee should address itself to the problem of how to reach these children and place at the disposal of their parents opportunities of a reasonable training, at least in the primary subjects.

The average salary paid to uncertificated teachers in these schools, 10 month basis is \$478.18. The average salary paid to teachers with diplomas male \$2,420.00, female \$1079.00.

Schools open 6 months and less are in many cases summer schools. In some cases a 5 months term is carried out in one school and another 5 months in a neighbouring school with the same children attending. In one or two cases, the school remains open for a limited term because the children are too young to go. In one or two cases, the schools have short sessions because of lack of funds and in one or two cases, the number of Protestant families are so few that they cannot maintain the schools except for short terms.

All of the above respectfully submitted.

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