

the payment of School Commissioners a reasonable amount per day for time actually spent in the interests of Education. Their duties are often neither light nor agreeable, and it does seem unreasonable to expect gentlemen to sacrifice their time and means for their counties' good gratuitously. Let the amount necessary be paid out of the County fund.

I remain most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

DANIEL MACDONALD.

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

ANTIGONISH COUNTY.

A. McISAAC, Inspector.

SIR,—

In the Winter term of last year 65 sections had school, employing 71 teachers. Of this number 44 were males, 15 of whom held grade B license, 19 grade C, and 9 grade D. Of the remainder, 27 females, 13 held grade C, 9 grade D, and 6 grade E. In the same term 3103 pupils were registered.

In the Summer term 69 sections had school, having 75 teachers, 40 of whom were males and 35 females. Of the males 19 held grade B, 13 grade C, and 5 grade D. Of the females 18 held grade C, 11 grade D, and 9 grade E. The number registered were 3393.

The large and populous section of Harbor AuBouche, No. 32, which for years had a graded school, at the last May meeting was divided into three sections, and the two additional ones thereby formed made the necessary provision at the ensuing annual meeting to build and equip suitable school houses. Another new section, River Fraser's Grant, which had been established shortly before the beginning of the year, erected a school house, and had school both terms.

Last Summer a magnificent school-house, sufficiently large to accommodate five teachers was built in the town of Antigonish. This building together with another equally creditable one finished a year previously and designed to accommodate four teachers, bespeaks the generosity and educational spirit of the town section. Already six teachers are employed in town, and the buildings just mentioned afford ample school room for three more whenever the increase of pupils will require their services.

For a fuller statistical view of the schools of the County I refer you to the Tables and Abstracts already forwarded.

The hindrance to general progress which I frequently felt it my duty to bring to your notice, still exists. I mean the lingering disposition of many people not only to be content with, but to prefer the cheapest teacher. It is certainly no pleasure to me to be allowed, in fact to be obliged, to repeat complaints which I hoped would be unjustifiable before now. Yet the same grounds nearly or all exist, and so long as they do, I consider it my duty to reiterate them without any exaggeration or disguise. As a consequence, the teacher of inferior qualification has more facility in getting employment than the one trained and experienced. The number poorly qualified more rapidly increase when they find that Trustees and parents determine the value of a teacher by the salary he asks, and take the lowest figure as the criterion of the highest value. The efficient ones lose inclination and respect for their calling