

ANNUAL Statistical Summary of the Boards of Examiners of Lower Canada, for the year 1866.

BOARD OF	Number of days sittings last ed.	Number of candidates examined.	Average number of teachers examined in a day.		No. of Diplomas granted for Academies, 1st class.		For Academies, 2nd class.		For Model Schools, 1st class.		For Model Schools, 2nd class.		For Elementary Schools, 1st class.		For Elementary Schools, 2nd class.		Number of candidates admitted, and kind of diploma.			Number of candidates rejected.
			Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Academy.	Model School.	Elementary School.	Grand total.		
Montreal (Cath.).....	9	171	19					5				7	106	2	32	1	5	147	152	19
Id. (Protest.).....	6	49	5	1				1		1		4	14	2	22		2	42	45	4
Quebec (Cath.).....	8	92	11							1	2	1	2	2	41		3	46	49	43
Id. (Protest.).....	5	18	3					2				6	2	2	6	3	2	16	18	
Three Rivers.....	4	52	13	1	2			2		2		2	30		13		4	45	52	
Sherbrooke.....	4	33	8					1	1			3	13	2	8		2	26	28	5
Kamouraska.....	4	31										2	19	1	9			31	31	2
Gaspé.....	2	1										1						1	1	
Stanstead.....	3	25	8									2	19	2	2			25	25	
Ottawa.....	4	29	7									6	11	4	5			26	26	3
Beauce.....	3	12	4										4		8			12	12	
Chicoutimi.....	3	4	1										4					4	4	
Rimouski.....	4	28	7									2	10		5			17	17	11
Bonaventure.....	3	12	4									2	8	2				12	12	
Pontiac.....	4	19	5					2	5						7		7	7	14	5
Richmond.....	3	38	12										4		13			17	17	21
Waterloo and Sweetsburg (Cath.).....	3	9	3									1	3		5			9	9	9
Waterloo and Sweetsburg (Protest.).....	4	73	16									6	40	2	16			64	64	
Total.....	76	696	137	2	2			13	6	3	3	45	289	21	192	4	25	547	576	122

The annual statistical summary of the Boards of Examiners shews a diminution in the average number of candidates examined each day, and an increase in the number of candidates rejected. No one of these boards was inspected in the course of the year in consequence of my absence from the country. I hope to resume this duty with the co-operation of the other members of the Council of Public Instruction. These examinations and the composition of these Boards constitute one of the most important of the subjects which attracted my attention during my journey, and I must with regret acknowledge that, notwithstanding the reforms which the Council of Public Instruction have by their regulations effected, much still remains to be done in order to attain a satisfactory result. The members of the Boards are certainly animated by the best dispositions, and their services being given gratuitously, it is impossible to suppose that they are actuated by any other motives than those which conduce to the public interest. But the little time which they can devote to the examinations, the great number of candidates, and other reasons, sometimes of a personal or local nature, occasions complaints still to be preferred of the admission of persons who have neither instruction nor the requisite ability, and the greater number of whom enter into ruinous competition with able male and female teachers, especially those who have been educated at the Normal schools, and prevent the raising of the salaries given by the Municipalities.

I cannot conclude this report without rendering a due tribute of praise to the ability with which the business of this department was carried on, during my absence, by Dr. Giard, whom the Government was pleased to appoint Deputy Superintendent under the provisions of the law respecting public instruction.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very humble and obedient servant,

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU.

Superintendent of Education.

Montreal Historical Society.

M. Abbé Verreau, President, in the chair.

The President informed the Meeting that the Legislature of the Province of Quebec had placed to the order of the Society the sum of \$400 to aid in its labours.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Hon. The Minister of Public Instruction, for his benevolent protection.

It was decided that at its next meeting the Society would be informed of the best means of employing the money.

Mr. Verreau then exhibited a portrait in oil of the Marquis de Montcalm, which appeared to be of the epoch of the hero.

J. U. Beaudry, Esquire, presented to the Society a file of Parliamentary documents of the Legislature of Quebec, of the first session since the act of Confederation, and also some papers of the last session of the Legislature of the Province of Canada.

Mr. Verreau gave a list of a valuable series of unpublished autograph letters, that he had the good fortune to obtain recently. The greater part of them were addressed to Arnold by Trumbull, Gates, and Montgomery, during the invasion of 1775. and seized at Holland House, near Quebec.

The President was then requested to convoke a full meeting of members as soon as would be convenient, the meeting then adjourned.

Montreal, 11th March 1868.

R. BELLEMAPE,
Secretary.

Thirty-Third Conference of the Teachers' Association in connection with Jacques-Cartier Normal School, held the 30th August 1867, and the 31st Jan. 1868.

AUGUST MEETING.

Present: Mr. Regnault, Professor in the Normal School; Messrs. Inspectors Valade and Caron; Messrs. M. Emard, President; H. Bellerose, Vice-president; J. O. Cassegrain, Secretary; U. E. Archambault, Librarian; J. E. Roy, A. Dalpé, Councillors; G. Gervais,