

THE

FORTIETH REPORT

OF THE STATE OF THE

MADRAS SCHOOL,

INCORPORATED BY THE NAME OF

THE GOVERNOR AND TRUSTEES OF THE MADRAS SCHOOL

IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

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MADE AGREEABLY TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE

**CHARTER.**

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## REPORT.

During the past year no material change in the state of the Schools under the supervision of the Madras Board has taken place. All the Schools existing at the date of the last annual Report still continue in operation, and the returns shew that they continue their efficiency and that the benefits of the Madras system are duly appreciated. The School at St. Andrews, the Board have much pleasure in stating, has been re-established under most favourable auspices.

The number of pupils attending the Schools as compared with the corresponding period of last year, shews a decrease of over eighty, but as the greater portion of this arises in one locality, Carleton, it is to be hoped, that with the superior accommodation afforded by the thorough repair of the School-house during the summer, these Schools will in a short time attain their former standing. Whilst so many Schools are being established in the Province under new and improved systems and fostered by Government allowance, so small a diminution in the number taught in the Madras Schools afford a gratifying proof of an increasing and studied desire on the part of the people of this Province for the blessings of education for their children.

SAINT JOHN.

### *Central School.*

By the returns for the Quarter ending 30th June last, the number of boys at this School is 236, being twenty-four less than the same period last year, and the number of girls 216.

The capabilities of Mr. Rynd in the male department, and of Miss Vickery in the female department, have now been so well tested and acknowledged, that it is unnecessary to reiterate the statements of former Reports. The Schools still continue to afford the highest satisfaction, and the Rev. Mr. Scovil who attended the examination in June last, reported to the Board as follows :—

“ That at the semi-annual examination there were present 228 boys and 188 girls. The male School under Mr. Rynd was examined by divisions in Reading, Grammar, Geography, Mental Arithmetic, and also with the slate, in all of which they acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. In Parsing and Geography, as also in History, many classes excelled, and the School generally bore evidence of continued improvement. Prizes were distributed to the boys in the several classes whose general good conduct and proficiency as indicated by the register for the year entitled them to it. The annual Silver Medal was given to Daniel Derniss.

“ The female School under Miss Vickery also acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. The first classes in the first and second divisions excelled in Reading and Grammar, and they were also very proficient in Geography, History and Arithmetic—great improvement was also observed in the writing. Prizes was also distributed in this School according to the

"respective merits of the pupils as shewn by the register. The Silver Medal being given to Miss Jane Elliott.

"It is satisfactory to state that the teachers speak well of the general conduct of their pupils during the year, and I think the Board may congratulate themselves that the Central Schools are truly Model Schools of the Madras System in the Province."

There are eleven classes in the boys School and ten in the girls School.

#### PORTLAND.

The Schools under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Middlemore are in a very satisfactory condition, and the number of scholars have increased, the boys numbering 199 and the girls 157. During the Quarter ending 30th June last, sixteen boys left and forty-three were admitted. There are six classes in each department, and in addition to the requirements of this system, Mr. Middlemore states: "The senior classes receive the usual instruction in English Grammar, Geography, Natural History, and Recitation. All the pupils are instructed in Vocal Music and repeat the Catechism and a number of the Collects daily." The girls also receive instruction in needle work.

Mr. Middlemore in his Report calls attention to the state of the School-house, but as an application of the local Committee funds have been provided for the thorough repair of the building, this cause of complaint will be entirely removed and increased comfort afforded the pupils.

#### CARLETON—(SAINT JOHN.)

The returns from this School do not appear encouraging. In Mr. Ritchie's department, by the return of June last, there were fifty-two boys and fourteen girls, and in Miss Peters' department twenty-one boys and forty-three girls, shewing a falling off in the attendance during the year of forty-eight boys and twenty-eight girls.

Mr. Ritchie in his Report states; "The great falling off of the number of pupils attending this School is attributable to various causes, the first draft being drawn to the fisheries and mills. There is another cause, that of ten or eleven schools all around us of various denominations, and lastly, the repairing of the School-house has operated against us in some degree." He also adds: "In addition to the Madras School Books we use the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Books of Lessons, and although our School is greatly diminished, we have a remnant of the various classes which keeps the School in full operation." \* \* \*

No doubt one great cause of the diminution in number of the pupils attending this School was the dilapidated state of the building, but the Board have pleasure in stating that during the Summer the School under the judicious supervision of the Local Committee has been put in thorough repair. On the 24th Aug., the Rev. F. Coster writes: "I have much pleasure in being able to report to the Madras Board, that Mr. Campbell, the District Inspector of Schools, inspected the Madras Schools in this place during the past week. Nothing could be more satisfactory than

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the opinion he expressed in the efficiency of the Schools, and the state of the building. He told me it was everything that could be desired and added, that if money were put into his hands to expend in the improvement of the rooms, he should not know where to lay it out." Under these circumstances a fair expectation may be reasonably entertained, that these Schools will soon regain their former number of pupils.

#### FREDERICTON.

The several departments of this School still remain under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Moore. The number of boys at the Report on 30th June were 166, and girls 100. The steady increase in each year of the number of pupils in attendance on these Schools, is in itself ample testimony to the efficiency and energy of the teachers. In Mr. Moore's department there are seven classes, the junior class comprising two divisions, and in the girls School there are six classes, and also a class of fifteen boys between the ages of five and seven years.

#### SAINT GEORGE.

Mr. A. B. Tayte still continues the charge of this School. There were forty-two boys and seventeen girls attending during the Quarter ending 30th June last. They are divided into four classes. The usual Report in regard to this School from Rev. Mr. McGivern has not been supplied this year.

#### CHATHAM.

The returns of this School still under the charge of Mr. George T. Smith shew a very favourable condition. There are thirty-one boys and twenty-one girls attending the School, and divided into six classes. From the number of subjects taught in this School, Mr. Smith shews an indefatigable spirit and a praiseworthy consciousness of his duties. The Rev. Rector states, "An Examination was held by the Trustees on the 29th inst., which tended to confirm the favourable opinion they have ever entertained of the School. The scholars read with great propriety, and the knowledge of Arithmetic, Geography, Scripture, History, and indeed all the branches of Education in which they are instructed reflects great credit upon themselves and their preceptor. By a reference to the Schedule, the Board will perceive nine scholars have entered since our last return." \* \* \* \*

#### SHEDIAC.

Mr. R. A. Simpson has taken charge of this School in place of Mr. J. J. Tuthill. The number in attendance appearing by the return of June 30th, were boys nineteen, and girls five.

#### GAGETOWN.

This School still continues under the charge of Mr. James Reed. There

are nineteen boys and fifteen girls attending this School. It is to be feared this School is not in as flourishing a state as might be desired.

CLIFTON.

The pupils receiving instruction at this School are fourteen boys and sixteen girls, indiscriminately divided into five classes under the charge of Mr. David P. Wetmore, who has replaced the former teacher, Mr. M. Boyd. Of this School, only two years in existence, Rev. W. E. Scovil writes: "The School has been so well conducted as to give all connected with it great satisfaction, Parents and Inspectors being alike convinced of the teachers fidelity and efficiency."

On the 5th August last, the Visiting Committee examined the School and reported: " \* \* \* \* This School has been taught for the last six months by Mr. David P. Wetmore, and is at present in an efficient condition. There were thirty-five names on the roll on the day of visitation, and present twenty-one, eleven boys and ten girls, whose ages vary from five to seventeen years. These are divided into five classes, which were all examined by your Committee. The first or highest class acquitted themselves well in English Grammar, Spelling and Etymology, Geography and Arithmetic. In this last branch they solved problems with much facility, accuracy and dispatch, in Proportion, Practice, Interest and Vulgar and Decimal Fractions. Their writing, though a little too small and close, was very clean and neat, manifesting considerable care and attention. Their reading was not quite so satisfactory; their deficiency was pointed out and amendment promised. The junior classes also acquitted themselves tolerably well for their age and state of progress. The teacher seems to be diligent, and if he had a little more life and energy in examining his classes, his success would be much more marked. Still the School, as already stated, is in a satisfactory state, and your Committee have no difficulty in recommending it to your continued patronage.

" Respectfully submitted by

" W. DONALD, } COMMITTEE."  
 " W. SCOVIL, }

SAINT ANDREWS.

As has been already stated, the School at this place has been re-opened since the beginning of this Quarter under the most auspicious circumstances, and no doubt will under the zealous co-operation of the Local Committee, become one of the most important Schools under the supervision of this Board.

The average number of pupils in attendance at all the Schools for the Year ending 30th June, as appears by the respective returns is 1427 as follows:—

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	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
SAINT JOHN, (Central),	236	216	452
PORTLAND,	199	172	371
CARLETON,	73	57	130
FREDERICTON,	166	109	275
SAINT GEORGE,	42	17	59
CHATHAM,	31	21	52
SHEDIAC,	19	5	24
GAGETOWN,	19	15	34
CLIFTON,	14	16	30
	799	628	1427

The returns generally are of a gratifying nature, and tend to encourage the members of the Board in the work they have in charge, of diffusing Education upon a sound religious basis among the children of the Province.

(By order of the Board,)

CHARLES W. WELDON, *Clerk.*

Saint John, N. B., Oct. 4th, 1859.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS.

SAINT JOHN, July 5th, 1859.

The undersigned appointed to report on the Treasurer's Accounts have examined the same and find them correct with vouchers for the several payments therein charged.

They have also in accordance with a Resolution of the Board prepared the following scale of appropriations for the ensuing year, viz:

SAINT JOHN, (Master, Assistant and Mistress,)	£220	0	0
PORTLAND, (Master and Mistress,)	90	0	0
CARLETON, " " "	80	0	0
FREDERICTON, (Master,)	90	0	0
CHATHAM, " " "	25	0	0
SAINT ANDREWS, (Master or Mistress,)	30	0	0
SAINT GEORGE, " " "	33	0	0
SHEDIAC, (Special Grant,)	20	0	0
GAGETOWN, " " "	25	0	0
KINGSTON, (School at Clifton,)	20	0	0
	£633	0	0

Which they respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board.

W. SCOVIL,  
JOHN V. THURGAR, } COMMITTEE.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*The Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New Brunswick in account with their Treasurer, for the year ending 1st July, 1859.*

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*Cash paid.*

SAINT JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOL.			
To Robert Rynd, year's salary as Teacher to 31st			
March, 1859,	£120	0	0
" Assistant Teacher, do. do.,	27	10	0
" Miss Vickery, salary as Teacher, Female School, 70	0	0	0
	£217	10	0
Carried Forward,			

	Brought Forward,	£217 10 0
<i>Incidentals :</i>		
" Renewal, Insurance of Central School House,	7 10 0	
" Repairs to School House, and taking down stoves, &c.,	4 13 2	
" Cleaning and Whitewashing School Rooms,	8 5 0	
" Water Rates Paid,	2 15 0	
" Ground Rent of School Lot one year,	32 10 0	
" Interest on Bank loan to Building Committee,	33 0 0	
" Printing and Books, &c.,	12 5 0	
" Map, 35s., Medals, &c., for prizes, 17s. 3d.,	2 12 3	
" Cordwood and cartage, cutting, &c.,	16 1 <sup>9</sup> 9	
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<i>CARLETON.</i>		
" James Ritchie, salary as Teacher, 1 year to 31st March, 1859,	50 0 0	
" Miss Peters and Miss Eils, Do. Female School,	30 0 0	
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<i>PORTLAND.</i>		
" Robert Middlemore and wife, salaries to 30th March, '59, 1 year,	90 0 0	
" Renewal of Insurance on School House,	2 10 0	
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<i>FREDERICTON.</i>		
" Hugh Moore and wife, salaries 1 year to 31st March, 1859,	90 0 0	
<i>SAINT GEORGE.</i>		
" A. B. Tayte, year's salary as Teacher to do.,	33 0 0	
<i>SAINT ANDREWS.</i>		
" Repairs of School House, paid per Board's order	17 2 6	
<i>CHATHAM.</i>		
" G. T. Smith, year's salary as Teacher to 31st March, 1859,	25 0 0	
<i>SHEDIAC.</i>		
" J. T. Tuthill and R. A. Simpson, 3 Quarters salaries to 31st March, 1859.	15 0 0	
<i>GAGETOWN.</i>		
" J. Reid, year's salary as Teacher to 31st March 1859.	25 0 0	
" Do., per Board's order for arrears of salary,	12 10 0	
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<i>CLIFTON.</i>		
" Michael Boyd, Quarter's salary as Teacher to 3rd Sept. 1858.	5 0 0	
" D. P. Wetmore, do., do., to 30th April, '59,	5 0 0	
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<i>GENERAL ACCOUNT.</i>		
" Paid Bond Debt to Central Bank in full,	144 15 0	
" Do., Estate of the late B. Robinson, Jr., per Board's order,	18 11 7	
" Do., Conveyancing Fee, Do.,	0 10 0	
" Do., year's salary to Clerk, Do.,	20 0 0	
" Do., Do., Treasurer, £20, Postage, 1s. 6d.,	20 1 6	
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<i>LAND ACCOUNT.</i>		
" Paid Surveying expenses, per Board's order,	95 7 11	
" Do., James Stewart, of Sussex, Do., for compensation for improvements,	5 0 0	
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" Special Funds distributed as follows:—

" York County Fund per last account,	97 18 3	
" King's County Fund, do.,	132 14 4	
" Queen's County Fund, do.,	47 10 9	
	<u>278 3 4</u>	

Balance on hand this date,

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## Cash Received:

By Balance from last year's account, General Fund,		£92 4 3
Do. do. do., Special Fund,		278 3 4
" Legislative Grant for 1858, LAND ACCOUNT.		400 0 0
" Cash from J. C. Robertson & Sons acct. Principal,	£13 0 0	
" Cash from J. M. Bickford, acct. land purchased,	30 10 0	
" Do. F. C. Godard, deposits acct. Do.,	107 9 5	
" Do. Hugh Cummings, Do.,	17 10 0	
" Do. John H. Sheek, Do.,	41 9 8	
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## RENTS RECEIVED.

17 2 6	" Cash from Hon. T. H. Peters, 2 years to 1st May, 1856,	15 0 0
25 0 0	" Cash from Mrs. Hunter, (£17 10), still due to May, '59	92 10 0
15 0 0	" Cash from Samuel Holsted, 2 years to 1st May, 1859,	48 0 0
	" Cash from John Tilton, 1 year to 1st May, '59,	11 0 0
	" Do. Corporation of Saint John, 2 years to 1st May, 1859,	60 0 0
37 10 0	" Cash from Dr. Alley, Saint Andrews, 3 Quarters to 25th July, 1858,	11 16 3
	" Cash from James W. Street, Saint Andrews, year's rent to 25th July, 1858,	24 7 6
	" Cash from James Boyd, Saint Andrews, year's rent to 25th July, 1858,	11 2 6
10 0 0	" Cash from C. W. Wardlaw, Saint Andrews, year's rent to 25th July, 1858,	10 0 0
	" Cash from Robert Robinson, Lancaster, 1 year's rent to 1st May, 1858,	10 0 0
	" Cash from George Seely, acct. arrears of rent,	18 0 0
	" Do. Peter McKinn, of Sussex, acct. do.	2 0 0
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## INTEREST MONIES.

203 18 1	" Cash from Mrs. Gale, 1 year to 26th March, 1859, Queen's County Fund,	21 0 0
	" Cash from Joseph Fairweather to 15th March 1859, King's County Fund,	18 0 0
	" Cash from John McVay, 1½ year's to 1st May 1859, King's County Fund,	13 10 0
	" Cash from M. Robinson ½ year's to 1st Nov., 1859, King's County Fund,	3 0 0
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" Cash from William Hicklin, acct. of Interest, York County Fund,	5 0 0	
" Cash from Samuel McKnight, acct. of Interest, York County Fund,	9 0 0	
" Cash from James Milligan year's interest, West- morland County Fund,	28 10 0	
" Cash from Charles E. Sulis, acct. Interest Ge- neral Fund,	15 0 0	
" Cash from J. C. Robertson & Sons, acct. in- terest General Fund,	20 0 0	
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WILLIAM WRIGHT,  
*Treasurer Madras Board.*

1st July, 1859.

*Rendered upon oath at the annual Court of the Governor and Trustees of the Madras School at  
Saint John, the 5th day of July, A. D., 1859.*

THOMAS McAVITY MAYOR.