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THIRTY-SIXTH 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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SAINT JOHN :

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## REPORT.

The state of the Madras Schools, since the last Report was issued, has been much the same as in previous years. The seven Schools that have been in operation have fully sustained the character, to which their efficiency and usefulness for a long series of years had fully entitled them. One school still continues closed, although the Board have, during the year, used their best endeavors to have it re-opened.

### SAINT JOHN.

In the July quarter of last year, the attendance at the Central Schools was greatly diminished by the prevalence of the Cholera; and the change of a Master in the Male School tended also to lessen the number of pupils. But notwithstanding this, and the fact that two other Schools for the instruction of the poorer classes were opened in the City last year, the Central Schools closed, at the end of the June quarter, with a larger number in attendance than during the previous year.

On the 2nd July the half-yearly examination of these Schools took place, and the members of the Standing Committee who attended were highly pleased with the state of the Schools, and the progress of the children. There were present 147 boys and 107 girls, who underwent a lengthened and very satisfactory examination. The subjects in which they were examined were nearly the same in both Schools, being, in the senior classes, Geography, Grammar with Parsing, History, Reading, and the more advanced Rules of Arithmetic. The junior classes read the New Testament and National School Books, repeated Tables and Spelling, answered questions on the Map of Europe and the United Kingdom, and executed calculations in the simple Rules of Arithmetic. The writing in both Schools was creditable to the Teachers, and the readiness with which questions were answered showed that the children had been well exercised in the different subjects of examination.

In order to excite the emulation of the children, the Standing Committee had determined to give two Medals, in addition to the usual prizes. Before awarding these, the examiners submitted the most advanced pupils in each school to a very searching scrutiny, and the result fully proved that such a method of awakening in Children a desire to excel is attended with the best result.

Mr. Robert Rynd and Miss C. Vickery are the Teachers of the Central Schools.

### FREDERICTON.

These Schools are still under the charge of Mr. Hugh Moore and his daughter. The aggregate number of children in attendance last year did not reach that of the three preceding years. This is partly accounted for by the fact that a School for the same class of children was opened in Fredericton last summer.

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The course of instruction to the senior boys comprises reading the Bible, 4th Book and English History, Geography with frequent practice on the Maps, the more advanced Rules of Arithmetic, and writing in copy books, together with instruction daily in the Church Catechism. The junior boys read the New Testament and National School Books, learn to read, write in copy books and dictation on slates, cipher in the simple rules of Arithmetic, and learn Tables. The girls are taught much the same branches as the boys, with the addition of needlework.

The public appear to take a lively interest in these Schools, and the half yearly examinations are usually attended by a large concourse of visitors, who seem to find great pleasure in observing the progress made by the children, and the order and discipline of the Schools. In noticing the Christmas examination, a correspondent to one of the *Fredericton papers* says of the boys' school—"In this School there was evident progress; the Scholars exhibited good training, and were well up to their work. Some, especially in the first class, would have done credit to a school of the highest order." Of the girls' school the same writer says—"The several classes were examined in Reading, Geography, Arithmetic, &c. &c. The usefulness of the girls was manifested by what was said by excellent judges to be good specimens of needle work. The writing was also highly commended."

#### CARLETON.

Under the able management of Mr. James Ritchie and Miss S. Peters the attendance at these Schools has considerably increased, since the last Report was issued. The largest number last year was 205. This year as many as 290 have been in attendance. This increase is chiefly in the boys' school, the number for the March quarter being 173. Such an Institution in the midst of a growing population, principally of the working classes, cannot fail to be the means of effecting much good.

The senior boys read Scripture History, History of England and English Reader, learn Geography, English Grammar with Parsing, and Spelling, write in Copy books and in Account Books, and are practised in the more advanced Rules of Arithmetic. The junior children use the National School books, write in Copy Books and on Slates, repeat Tables, and cipher in the Elementary Rules of Arithmetic. In the girls' school the course of instruction is nearly the same as in the other school, with the addition of plain and ornamental needle work. The Church Catechism is taught in both schools.

#### PORTLAND.

This School was closed the greater part of the September quarter last year, in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera in that district; and, as many families left the neighbourhood at that time, and a considerable number of the children attending the school died, in the following quarter the numbers were much below the usual average. The returns for the March and June quarters of this year show that the school is now as well attended as at any previous period, and that its efficiency and usefulness are in no respect diminished by the temporary suspension of last year.

The course of instruction is the same in this School as in former years.

This school still maintains its character for efficiency and usefulness under Mr. A. B. Tayte. The only variation in the attendance seems to be that arising from the parents requiring the services of the elder children during the summer months. Hence the number at school is considerably greater in winter than in summer. Mr. Tayte, who is well acquainted with the Madras System, trains the children thoroughly in all the branches usually taught in such Schools, such as reading the Scriptures and History, repeating the Catechism and Collects, English Grammar with parsing, Mental Arithmetic, and concise methods of making calculations, a thorough acquaintance with the outlines of Geography, and especially with the Map of this Province, &c. Through the zeal of the Teacher and the ever watchful care of the Rector of the Parish, this School is in a very flourishing condition. In the School return for the March quarter the Rector remarks—"at the quarterly examination this day, the First, Second, and Third classes were examined by me. Their reading is most correct, and the knowledge they evinced in Scripture and English History, Grammar and Geography is highly creditable to both Teacher and pupils. Progress has been made in the writing of all the classes. Upon the whole I consider this School, under the present judicious system pursued by Mr. Tayte, a great blessing to this community."

The Board have lost a long tried and faithful servant, and the town of Chatham a most assiduous and efficient Teacher, by the resignation of Mr. John Smith, who gave up the charge of this School at the end of the March quarter. In the School return for December, Mr. Bacon says "A public examination was held on the Feast of Saint Thomas, when I devoted the best part of the day in examining attentively the respective classes in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Scripture, and never found the School in a more efficient state." And, in the return for the March quarter, he remarks—"The Trustees visited the School more than once during the last quarter, and never found it in a more efficient state, up to the period when Mr. Smith was seized with paralysis."

This School, after being closed for a short time, upon the resignation of Mr. Hartt, was re-opened in November last, under the direction of Mr. John

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Wiseman, who promises to be a diligent and useful Teacher. The children are instructed in the usual branches of a plain education, such as Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Spelling, together with the Church Catechism and Chief truths of the Christian religion. Judging from the School returns that have been forwarded since Mr. Wiseman's appointment, the children have made some progress under his teaching, and the order of the School must be improved.

As the number in attendance at this School does not come up to 40—the minimum fixed by the Board for any School to receive a grant towards its support, a special appropriation is made, in this case, from the fund reserved for the support of Schools in Westmoreland County.

#### SAINT ANDREWS.

It is much to be regretted that, notwithstanding the liberal appropriation made by the Board to the School at Saint Andrews, it should still continue closed. On the 15th August, 1854, the following Resolution was passed by the Board:

"Resolved, That upon the establishment of an efficient School at Saint Andrews, this Board will make an appropriation to it in accordance with the Scale adopted and published in the thirty-first Report, and, as an encouragement for the re-establishment of the School, the Board will make a special grant of £20, for the current year, in addition to the sum allowed by the aforesaid scale."

At the following meeting of the Board it was resolved, that "With a view to revive the School, and to render it more efficient, the Trustees of Schools for the parish of Saint Andrews should be added to the Local Board." In reference to these resolutions, Dr. Alley, under date of the 26th November, writes that the enlarged Local Committee are of opinion that "The whole of the rents received from the Madras Lands in Saint Andrews, should be applied for the support of the new School, and that no attempt can be made to revive it, until the Local Board are assured that there are sufficient funds available for that purpose."

As the profits derived from the Madras lands in Saint Andrews are not reserved for the support of Schools in Charlotte County exclusively, but are available for the general purposes of the Corporation, the Board, in making an appropriation to the Saint Andrews School, feel bound to apply the same scale to it as to the other Schools under their direction. They would remark also that, even if the funds derived from the Saint Andrews' lands were reserved for the use of Schools in Charlotte County, there is a flourishing School at Saint George, in that County, towards the support of which a grant is annually made by the Board.

The statistics of the different Schools show that the number of children for the past year differs but little from that of previous years, although the attendance at the Schools about Saint John was, last summer, very seriously affected by the prevalence of the Cholera.



The numbers upon the School Registers during the year stand thus :—

	Greatest Number.	Average.
SAINT JOHN,	{ 201 boys, = 367, 166 girls, =	{ 147 boys, = 267, 120 girls, =
FREDERICTON,	{ 129 boys, = 225, 96 girls, =	{ 113 boys, = 202, 89 girls, =
CARLETON,	{ 172 boys, = 280, 107 girls, =	{ 156 boys, = 246, 90 girls, =
PORTLAND,	{ 194 boys, = 387, 193 girls, =	{ 148 boys, = 271, 123 girls, =
CHATHAM,	{ 27 boys, = 50, : : : : : 23 girls, =	{ 50, : : : : : 50, : : : : :
SAINT GEORGE,	: : : : : 77, : : : : :	: : : : : 68, : : : : :
SHEDIAC,	: : : : : 34, : : : : :	: : : : : 31, : : : : :
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The greatest number of children in any one year, since the reduction of the Provincial Grant in 1829, was 1524.

The benefits conferred by the Madras Schools on the poorer classes seem to be limited only by the resources at the disposal of the Board; and when it is considered that, under the National School System, moral and religious, as well as secular instruction is imparted, it is to be hoped that means will be supplied, in proportion as the increase of population creates a larger field for their operation.

(By Order of the Board,)

A. STEWART, CLERK, &c.

Saint John, August, 1855.

The Committee of Appropriations beg to state that they have examined the Reports of the several Schools, in connection with this Board, and recommended the following Scale to be adopted for the present year :

SAINT JOHN, (Central School,)	-	-	£170	0	0
FREDERICTON, (Master and Mistress)	-	-	90	0	0
PORTLAND, Do.	-	-	77	0	0
CARLETON, Do.	-	-	80	0	0
CHATHAM,	-	-	25	0	0
ST. GEORGE,	-	-	33	0	0
SHEDIAC, (Committee recommend Special Grant,)	-	-	20	0	0

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# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*The Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New Brunswick, in account with their Treasurer.*

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Cash paid—

SAINT JOHN—CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Wm. Thompson, one quarter's teaching, to 30th June, 1854, £35 0 0  
Balance due to Teacher for School necessities, 5 6 11

Robt. Rynd, 3 qrs. to 31st March, 1855, £10 6 11  
Catherine Vickery, one year to 31st March, 1855, 75 0 0  
Incidental Expenses— 70 0 0

Cordwood, carting, sawing, piling, &c. 31 3 0  
On account of Loan for building Central School. 70 0 0  
Interest on \$550, (unpaid balance of loan,) to June 30, 1855, 33 0 0

Insurance on Central School House, to July 2, 1856, 7 10 0  
One year's ground rent, to 1st March, 1855, 32 10 0  
E. Stephen, putting up stoves, pipe, &c., 6 7 4  
Repairs on Central School House, 65 6 1  
Washing and cleaning the same, 3 0 0

CARLETON—

Jas. Ritchie, 1 year's teaching, to 31st March, 1855, 50 0 0  
Sarah J. Peters, for the same, 25 0 0

PORTLAND—

Robt. Middlemore and wife, 1 yr. to 31st March, 1855, 77 0 0  
Insurance on School House, to Dec. 31st, 1855, 2 10 0

FREDERICTON—

Hugh Moore, 1 year's teaching, to 31st March, 1855, 70 0 0  
Jane Moore, 1 year's teaching, to 31st March, 1855, 25 0 0  
School desks supplied in 1850, 2 10 0  
Interest on loan for building Schoolhouse, to 31st Dec. 1854, 7 10 0

CHATHAM—

John Smith, 1 year, to 31st March, 1855, 105 0 0

SAINT GEORGE—

A. B. Tayte, 1 year, to 31st March, 1855, 28 0 0

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Strang Hartt, from 31st March to 21st May, 1854, 2 10 0  
John Wiseman, from 1 Nov. 1854 to 31 March, 1855, 8 6 8

LAND ACCOUNT—QUEEN'S COUNTY,

W. F. Bonnell, selling land at Gagetown, 1 0 0  
Rev. W. Scovil, expenses in visiting do. 1 0 0  
R. C. Minnette, surveying ditto, 8 17 6  
B. Robinson, jr., making out Deeds for ditto, 4 16 8

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GENERAL ACCOUNT—				
Clerk and Treasurer, 1 yr, to 30th June, 1854,	30	0	0	
Postages to 30th June, 1855.	1	3	6	
Wm. Durant, printing 35th Report,	2	10	0	
Christmas Prizes for Central Schools,	2	0	0	
Mrs. Mary Gale, on Bond and Mortgages, (Queen's Co. Fund,	350	0	0	
Joseph Fairweather, ditto, Kings' County Fund,	300	0	0	
Balance in hand,				685 13 6
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Cash received—		—Cr.—		
Balance from last account,				£228 2 6
Legislative Grant for 1854,				400 0 0
LAND ACCOUNT,				
S. Henderson, Lot of Land in Kings' County,	83	0	0	
Gagetown Lots in Queen's County,	329	1	6	
Lot on Salmon River, Sussex,	300	0	0	
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INTEREST MONIES.				
Six months' interest of Westmerland School Fund,	14	5	0	
S. Henderson, balance of interest,	5	10	6	
Inte est from Savings' Bank,	1	14	3	
Interest on Queen's County Fund,	3	2	11	
John C. Robertson & Sons, on account of interest.	7	4	6	
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RENTS.				
Mayor, &c., St. John, [Navy island] to May 1, 1855,	30	0	0	
W. Hunter, St. John, 1 year to May 1, 1855.	110	0	0	
S. Holsted, St. John, 2 years, to May 1, 1855.	48	0	0	
A. C. O. Trentowsky, 1 year, to Jan. 25, 1855,	7	10	0	
George Seely, on account of rent,	13	0	0	
James Thompson, Carleton, on account,	10	0	0	
R. Robinson, Lancaster, 2 years, to 1st May, 1855,	20	0	0	
W. McKnight, York Co., 2 yrs. to August 21, 1854,	12	0	0	
H. Peters, Gagetown, 3 years to 1st May, 1855.	22	10	0	
				<u>£273 0 0</u>
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July 2, 1855.—Balance on hand,				<u>£181 13 6</u>

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JULY 2, 1855.

A. STEWART,  
Treasurer.

Rendered upon Oath, at the Thirty-Sixth Annual Court of the Governor and Trustees of the Madras School, held at the City Hall of the City of Saint John, on the third day of July, 1855.

WM. O. SMITH,  
Chairman.