

THE
TWENTY-SECOND REPORT
OF THE STATE OF THE
MADRAS SCHOOL,
INCORPORATED BY THE NAME OF
THE GOVERNOR AND TRUSTEES
OF THE
MADRAS SCHOOL
IN
NEW-BRUNSWICK.

MADE AGREEABLY TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE
CHARTER.

SAINT JOHN:
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REPORT.

IN presenting a Report of the Madras Schools, it has been common to offer some remarks upon the peculiar advantages of the system pursued in them, when compared with the ordinary modes of instruction. But, as that system is no longer a new one in the Province, and the public have had a fair opportunity of testing its relative claims to their approval, it seems only necessary to give, as briefly as possible, an account of the actual state of the several Schools at present in connexion with the Institution.

The Central School, at Saint John, underwent its examination on the 30th June, and the Board are happy to state, that, in several respects, that examination was more satisfactory than any which, of late, have preceded it. In the Male School there were 187 Scholars present, being fifty more than the number of the previous year, and this, notwithstanding many had been refused admission during the month preceding the Examination. The Scholars were examined for several hours, in the Catechism, Chief Truths of Religion, Geography, Spelling, CIPHERING, and Repetition of the Collects, in all of which their progress was very evident, and highly creditable to the Master and subordinate teachers. Some excellent specimens of their writing were also exhibited. It is but justice to remark that the order and discipline, in this department of the School, continue to be well maintained.

In the Female School also there has been an important increase of the number of Scholars during the past year.— There were present, at the late examination, 204, being an increase of 66, in that period. The whole number on the Register was 222, making a total in both Schools of 417.—

Some improvement also was shewn in the Female School, in other respects. The Children had apparently been more diligent, and were in better subordination. Much, however, remains to be effected, in this department of the Institution.

In general, it may be remarked of the Central School, that the attendance of the Scholars has, of late, been more numerous and uniform than formerly. Some advantage, in these respects, has been derived from doing away the intermission between the morning and afternoon Schools. The previous custom of suffering the Children to return to their homes, at that time, was found to be a fruitful source of irregular attendance, at the afternoon School, and the adoption of the opposite plan, has, to a considerable extent, rectified the evil. The plan of distributing Tickets among the Children, for regular attendance, and correct deportment, has contributed to the same result. And it is right, while adverting to the causes which have promoted this desirable end, to acknowledge, that for three months previous to the late Examination, the Female Department of the School had the benefit of the indefatigable exertions of a Committee of Ladies, who attended the School with great assiduity, and used every effort to promote the order, diligence, and improvement of the Scholars.

From Fredericton the Board have received a Report from the Venerable Archdeacon COSTER, enclosing one from the Master of the School, from which it appears that there are at present on the Register of the Boys' School, 76 Scholars, and that 66 is the greatest number that have attended at one time. The School consists of four Classes, the highest of which is reading the Testament and Ostervald's Abridgement of the Bible. Upon the Master's Report, the Archdeacon remarks:—"I believe his statement to be correct; he teaches on the Madras system, in which, as the Board are aware, he received his training at the School in Carleton, from Mr. NISBETT." Of the Mistress of the Female School the Archdeacon adds:—"She is very attentive to her duty, and the School, although it does not receive the same assistance from the Ladies as it formerly did, is still a great benefit to the poor of the Town, of which I should grieve to see them deprived."

From Saint Andrews, Dr. ALLEY reports—"the continual satisfactory progress of the School. The number in the School is 104; in daily attendance, 81; being 13 more than

the number on the register last year. The books taught in the School, in addition to the national school-books, are, Murray's English Grammar, Walker's History of England, Guy's Spelling, Arithmetic, Mensuration, Navigation. In the Female School, Grammar, Reading, Spelling, Geography, and History, as in the Male, Arithmetic as far as Practice."

In reference to the School at Carleton, the Reverend F. COSTER reports, that, "at one time, he was apprehensive he should have to make an unfavourable report of their state, in consequence of the resignation of Mr. NISBETT, and the long illness of Miss FAYERWEATHER. Mr. HENRY CONNEL, the present Teacher of the Male School, undertook the management of it, under great disadvantages, as well from his youth, inexperience, and want of acquaintance with the system, as being the successor of so competent a Teacher as Mr. Nisbett. By diligence and attention, however, he has in a great measure surmounted these difficulties, so that the number of boys in attendance has nearly reached the customary number. There are 91 in the Male School, and 18 smaller ones in the Female School; in all, 109. The Female School, under Miss Fayerweather, is not so numerously attended as it ought to be. There are 65 girls in attendance, making the total in the two schools 174. The Trustees of Schools, who visited these Schools in the early part of June, pronounced them to be in a satisfactory state. A new system of raising local funds, has been adopted, during the past year, by requiring a payment of three-pence per week from each of the pupils, instead of receiving them as free scholars. The plan has hitherto answered well."

The Rev. S. BACON reports, of the School at Chatham, that the number in daily attendance is 54 boys and 21 girls, making a total of 75, which is somewhat greater than the number attending at the date of the Report of the previous year. At that time many scholars had been withdrawn from the School, in consequence of the establishment of a Roman Catholic School in the neighbourhood, and since then several have gone to different Trades, or Stores. Mr. SMITH, the Master of that School, came to it with high recommendations, from the present Bishop of Nova-Scotia; and several of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and other persons of intelligence, who have been in the habit of visiting his School,

have been unanimous in expressing their opinion, that it is not inferior to any other School in the Province.

Allusion was made in the last Report to the wish of the Board, to see a good School established in Portland. They are happy now to report that the School-house in that Parish is completed, and the School commenced, under the superintendence of Mr. MILLS. The Board have every reason to anticipate much benefit to that community from the accomplishment of this object.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Scale of Salaries for the year ending 30th June, 1842, payable out of the Funds of the Corporation, submit the following, viz.

SAINT JOHN.....	To the Master of the Central School, . . .	£ 120
	" Mistress,	70
FREDERICTON....	" Master,	70
	" Mistress, on certificate from the School Committee that the School is taught on the Madras system, . . . }	15
CARLETON.....	" Master,	25
	" Mistress,	15
SAINT ANDREWS,	" Master and Mistress,	65
CHATHAM.....	" Master,	20
PORTLAND.....	" Master and Mistress,	75

Respectfully submitted.

I. W. D. GRAY,
ROBERT F. HAZEN, } Committee.

20th September, 1841.

The Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New-Brunswick in Account with their Treasurer.

6th July, 1841.

CASH PAID.

SAINT JOHN—CENTRAL SCHOOL—		
William MacDougall, 1 year, to 4th May,	£120	0 0
Mrs. A. Starkie, " to 11th June,	70	0 0
Incidental Repairs, Prizes, &c.—		
W. MacDougall,	£2	19 4
Mrs. A. Starkie,	3	13 4
Fuel, Cartage, Sawing, &c.	17	12 6
Prizes, June, 1840, £3 6s. 6d.; do. Christmas, 1840, £2 15s.	6	1 6
Repairs—Boys' School—new flooring,	27	10 2½
" " repairing walls, chimneys,	7	9 3
	34	19 5½
PORTLAND— On account of allowance towards the erection of a School House,	£255	6 1½
CARLETON— Rev. W. Nisbet, to 20th April last,	100	0 0
Miss Fayerweather, to 31st March last,	24	3 4
	11	5 0
FREDERICTON— J. R. Roberts, to 10th April last,	35	8 4
Mrs. Smith, to 31st December, 1840,	70	0 0
John Baird, special grant for fuel supplied by him while in charge of the School,	15	0 0
	12	17 6
SAINT ANDREWS— Special grant for the completion of the School House,	97	17 6
CHATHAM— John Smith, to 30th June, 1840,	65	0 0
	20	0 0

LAND ACCOUNT—SHEDIAC—

Amount loaned to Robert F. Hazen, on security of Lands in the City of Saint John, 23d July, 1840, 413 12 0

GENERAL ACCOUNT—

Clerk, 2 years, to 30th June, 1841,	20	0 0
Treasurer, 2 years, to May, 1841,	20	0 0
Roak & Varty, Booksellers, London, £85 16s. 1d. sterling, at 9 per cent. premium,	103	18 4
Books, &c. purchased in Saint John,	6	19 9
Postage to Rev. J. Sinclair, Secretary to National Society, London,	0	5 4
Printing account,	2	3 9
J. B. Whipple, Deputy Land Surveyor, tracing lines of School Lot at Lancaster and exploring the same,	2	10 0
	155	17 2
Balance in hand— Land Account, (Shediac,)	58	10 0
" General Account,	87	6 1
	145	16 1
	£1288	17 2½

Land Account, (Shediac),	£413 12 0
General Account,	209 0 84

Land Account, (Shediac),.....	£413 12 0	
General Account,.....	209 0 8½	
	<hr/>	£622 12 8½

Provincial Grant, 1840,	500	0	0
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Provincial Grant, 1940,.....	500	0	0
Interest on the same,.....	6	4	11
	<u>506</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>

Rev. J. Alley, Saint Andrews,.....	3	8	7
William Robinson—Lancaster Lot,.....	10	0	0
William MacDougall—House,.....	10	0	0
Mrs. A. Starkie,.....	12	1	0
Corporation of Saint John—Navy Island, 2 years, to 1st May, 1841,.....	60	0	0

95 9 7

Daniel Hannington, Esq., on account of sale of Land at Shediac, ... 58 10 0

Hon. Chief Justice Chipman—Annual Donation for Prizes at the Central School,.....	6	0	0
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July 6—By Balance in hand (Land Account,) £	58	10	0
" " (General Account,) "	87	6	1

£145 16 1

£1288 17 2

ROBERT F. HAZEN.

TREASURER.

6th July, 1841.

Examined and found correct.

L. H. DEVEBER.

*Sworn at the Twenty-Second Annual Court
of the Governor and Trustees of the
Madras School in New-Brunswick,
this Sixth day of July, Anno Domini
1841.*

WARD CHIPMAN, C. J.