

I beg leave to suggest to the Board that a uniform commencement of the Teachers engagements might not only facilitate the supply of Teachers to vacant Schools, but also save trouble to the Board and its officers.

I also suggest that the keeping a Trustees' book should be rigorously insisted on.

The Grammar School at Summerside, requires, I think, some special consideration, and I have therefore made it the subject of a separate report.

Alberton, 24th Sept., 1864.

The past quarter affords but little on which I can report. I have visited only fourteen School Districts, owing partly to the vacation, and partly to the season of the year, which is unfavorable to a full attendance at the schools.

I find a considerable increase in the number of children on the Teachers' Journals, and the attendance is also much improved. This increase would have been greater, had it not been for the alarm of Small Pox in Lot 65 and the neighbourhood, which led to the closing of some schools, and to a short attendance at others. It has been suggested that the average number of scholars at all the schools should appear on the Visitor's report. This average, however, can only be accurately gathered from the Teacher's Journals. Any statement of the average, especially of those attending, taken on the various days of the visits, would be liable to daily alteration; but if the journals were checked against the results of the inspection, a considerable degree of accuracy might be obtained.

There are several applications for new School Districts within my circuit; and I can recommend all those with which I am locally acquainted, to the favourable consideration of the Board.

New school-houses have been built in six districts. Those at Park Corner, Upper Westmorland and Kildare River, deserve particular notice, as highly creditable to the inhabitants. There are still a great number in need of repair or rebuilding. In school furniture there is room for considerable improvement. Thirty schools are destitute of a black-board; and in a much larger number, Maps and Geography books, more especially those relating to Prince Edward Island and the adjacent Provinces, are deficient. A cupboard or other safe receptacle for the books, should also be provided.

In my last quarterly Report I adverted to the merging of the two districts called the "Union" and "South Kildare," in Lot 4. The Report of the commissioners has, no doubt, been laid before the Board; and I trust means may be devised to ensure the placing a school in the growing village of Alberton, without encroaching materially, on other localities.

I have more than once recommended, in former reports, that a Trustees' Book should be kept in each District. If this were regularly done, so as to embrace all the school transactions of the District, as contemplated by the Act of Assembly, and if, at the same time, a copy or extract of the Register, showing the boundaries of the District were entered

in it, I have no doubt but many of the disputes and difficulties so frequently arising, might be avoided.

As soon as the Board shall have determined on a renewed and enlarged list of books, it will be desirable to print the amended "Regulations," and to transmit a copy to each school, for the information of the Trustees and Teachers.

Alberton, 24th Dec., 1864.

Referring to my Report on the Grammar School lately established at Summerside, under date of 24th September, 1864, I beg leave to submit the following as the results of my examination of that School, on the 25th ult.

At that time there were seventeen scholars in the school, being an increase of ten over those present at my former examination. All of these were being taught the usual branches of an English Education, and appeared to be well grounded in the common rules of Arithmetic, including the extraction of the Square and Cube Roots—four were instructed in Algebra, and worked their sums very correctly and expeditiously. Seven were studying Geometry—nine the French Language—nine the Latin—and one Greek. Of the Latin Scholars, three were in the Grammar, five reading Delectus, and one in Virgil. Those in Delectus translated and parsed very fairly, and the pupil in Virgil remarkably well. The pupil in Greek was merely learning the Grammar, but appeared well grounded as far as he had gone. Five of the scholars worked each a Problem in the first book of Euclid, in my presence, and acquitted themselves very creditably.

On the whole, I consider that the School has very much improved since my last visit.

I was informed that it was intended to remove the building to a more convenient site; if so, I hope it will be placed out of the town, and that a playground for the Scholars will be provided.

Charlottetown, 11th March, 1865.

During that part of the current quarter which has elapsed up to this date, I have made eighty-five visits to various Schools in the Western Section of the Island, detailed particulars of which will appear in the Schedule to this report.

I need hardly repeat what I have stated in the reports already before you; the fluctuations which take place in the attendance of the Children at School, prevent the tracing any steady general progress. On the whole, however, I see no reason to be dissatisfied with the state of the Schools. If a more regular attendance would be procured, it would be much more satisfactory, but the early age at which children are required for field labours, renders this very difficult. The increased number studying Algebra, Mathematics and Book-keeping, indicates an improved tone in the general Education.

Three new School-houses have been erected, one at Cape Traverse, one in the new district of Fortune Cove, and one at St. Ignatius, in the Cavendish Road; all are well adapted for the purpose.

The Union School-house, Lot 4, and St. Ann's, Lot. 22, are very much out of repair; but the for-