

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS

OF

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The Inspector of Protestant Schools for the
County of Gaspé and a part of the County of
Bonaventure for twenty three years from 1900
onward.

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SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS BY THE REV. ISAAC NEWTON KERR, M.A.FOREWORD

The reports which follow continue the recall of education in the District of Gaspé reflected in some eight previous articles of "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY". Inspector Kerr was the successor of the first Inspector of Protestant Schools in Gaspesia, the Rev. William Gore Lyster.

Isaac Newton Kerr was born in 1868 at Inverness, Megantic County and graduated from Bishop's University, Lennoxville in 1892 with a fine record as a student and outstanding athlete.

He chose the Ministry as his career and was ordained in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Québec City, before beginning his ministry on the bleak coast-line of the Canadian Labrador. His strength and vigour enabled him to carry out ably the exacting duties of travelling by boat and dog team along the 350 miles of his scattered charge. During his service in Labrador he saved the life of Sir Wilfred Grenfell through leaping to a boat in which the Doctor was adrift - an act that Dr. Grenfell never forgot.

After leaving the Labrador the Rev. Kerr was successively in charge of the Missions of Shigawake (1896) and Cape Cove (1902) of the Gaspé Coast and later of Marbleton (1905) and then Hatley (1915) in the Eastern Townships. During the concluding years of his ministry he was in charge of St. George's Church, Drummondville.

His partner in married life was Miss Beatrice Travers of Shigawake.

The Rev. I. Newton died at Eastertide, 1942. His funeral in St. George's Church, Lennoxville, conducted by Archdeacon Jones was attended by many of the clergy and former parishioners.

[GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY wishes to thank the Archivist of Church House, Anglican Diocese of Québec, Mrs. Cazes, for an IN MEMORIAM on the Rev. Kerr from the Québec Diocesan Gazette.]

REGIONAL GROUPING OF THE SCHOOL MUNICIPALITIES THAT WERE AT SOME TIME WITHIN THE INSPECTORATE OF THE REV. ISAAC NEWTON KERR.

GASPE BAY AREA

Gaspé Village.
Gaspé Bay South.
Gaspé Bay North.
Fontenelle.
Roseville.
Grand Grève.
York.
Sydenham South.
Haldimand.
Douglastown.

MALBAY AREA

Seal Rock.
Edmonds.
Malbay.
Barachois.
Percé.
Red Head.
Cape Cove.

CHALEUR BAY AREA

Gascons.
Port Daniel.
Shigawake.
St. Godfroi.
Paspebiac.
Cox (New Carlisle)

MATAPEDIA VALLEY

Sayabec.
Little Metis.
Metis.

TEMISCOUTA

Fraserville.
Cabano.



DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS IN THE GASPESIAN SCHOOLS INSPECTED BY
THE REV. ISAAC NEWTON KERR FROM 1900 TO 1922.

[The number in brackets after the teacher's name indicates
the number of times that teacher was recommended by the
Inspector for a bonus or prize]

ACTESON, Ethel (4)	FAIRSERVICE, Lilian
ALLAN, A.E. (2)	GALE, Clara (4)
ALLEN, A.	GALE, Bertha
ALMOND, Laura	GAVEY, Holly (2)
ALMOND, Lillian (2)	GILKER, Edith
ALMOND, Winifrede	GORHAM, Edith
ANNETT, Marjorie	GORHAM, Frances
ASCAH, Ruby	HALL, Bessie
ASSELS, Flora	HAMILTON, R.E.
BARTLETT, Emma (10)	HAYES, Jennie
BECHERVAISE, Beatrice (10)	HORNER, Violet (2)
BARTLETT, Maude (2)	LE GALLAIS, Grace
BISSON, May	LENFESTY, Ida (2)
BOSSY, Bertha	LINDSAY, Eleanor
BROOKS, Louis	LINDSAY, Ethel
BURTON, Bessie (2)	LONGMORE, Clara
CALDWELL, Belle	MABE, Ella (3)
CARTER, Ella	MABE, Mela
CHISHOLM, W.E.	MABE, Sarah (3)
CHRISTIE, Theodora	MCCRAE, Louisa
COOKE, Daisy	McKENZIE, Annie
COOKE, Clara (3)	MILLER, Ida
COURSER, O.	MOE, C.S.
DE STE.CROIX, E.	MONTGOMERY, H.R.
DOW, Grace	MURCHIE, Jean
DOW, Mabel	
DUMARESQ, Lilian	
EAGLE, Marjorie	

PATTERSON, C.M. (2)
PHILLIPS, Agnes (4)
PHILLIPS, Flora (2)
PIDGEON, Elsie
PROCTOR, C.E.

RAMIER, Blanche
ROBINSON, Stella
ROBSON, E.
ROSS, E.
ROSS, Isabella
ROSS, Marjorie (2)
ROURKE, M.S.

SAVAGE, May
SHAW, Lydia
SEVER, M.
SIMON, Mrs.M.
SMITH, Bertha
SMITH, Ida
SULLIVAN, Ella

TRAVERS, Edith (2)
TRAVERS, Evelyn
TRAVERS, Marion
TRAVERS, Mrs. Basil (3)

VIBERT, Erma (4)

WELLS, Evelyn
WILLETT, Annie

YOUNG, Laura

THE SCHOOLS IN WHICH THESE DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS SERVED WILL
BE FOUND IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS WHICH FOLLOW.

REV. NEWTON KERR.

SHIGAWAKE, July 27, 1900

SIR,—

I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report on the schools of my inspectorate for the scholastic year ending June 30th, 1900.

The bulletins of inspection have been sent for all the schools that were in operation during the year.

Twenty-six statistical reports of elementary schools, representing as many municipalities, and also three for model schools, have been forwarded to the Department.

I have visited all the schools in my district—many of them twice—and the teachers, with a few exceptions, are doing good work, and the schools apparently making satisfactory progress.

Authorized text books are used in all the schools, with the exception of a few bordering on the province of New Brunswick, where I found them using those authorized in that province.

The bonuses granted by your Department to six teachers for faithful and efficient service, were distributed by my predecessor in office—the Rev. W. G. Lyster—and were thankfully received, and will no doubt serve as a stimulus to still better teaching in the future.

The increased grants to poor municipalities were much needed as a help towards purchasing the necessary school apparatus, in which some schools are very deficient.

In accordance with instructions, I visited the three model schools in my district. I am pleased to report that they are doing good work, especially the two in the County of Bonaventure. French is taught in twenty-four of the schools and agriculture in only a few.

Four of the schools in the upper end of Bonaventure were closed for the greater part of the school year, and consequently I could not inspect them.

The books and accounts of the secretary-treasurers are in general well kept and audited annually.

The following is a classification of the municipalities according to regulation 13, of the Protestant Committee :

EXCELLENT.

Gaspé Village, Mann (diss.), New Richmond, Gaspé Basin South.

GOOD.

Haldimand, Cox, Port Daniel West, St. Godfroi (diss.), Douglastown, Cape Cove (diss.), Percé, Mal Baie, Shoolbred.

MIDDLING.

Restigouche, Sellarville, Hamilton (diss.), Gaspé Basin North, Port Daniel East (diss.), Maria (diss.), York, Grand Grève, Paspebiac East (diss.).

BAD.

Barachois (diss.), St. Charles de Caplan (diss.), St. Laurent, Metapediac
Roseville (diss.).

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

MR. I.-NEWTON KERR.

SHIGAWAKE, August 28th 1901.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the scholastic year 1900-01. Since my last report my district of inspection has been divided so that I am relieved of more than one third of my former work and one half of the salary. My inspectorate formerly included the counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure, whereas now it includes Gaspé and three townships in Bonaventure. These three townships comprise 6 different school municipalities and 9 schools. My mileage in order to visit all the schools once is 296, and this has to be done by horse as there is no railway.

In October two conferences for teachers were held, one at Gaspé Basin and the other at New-Carlisle. The attendance and interest taken by the teachers were very encouraging. We were much indebted to Inspector Parker for coming down and conducting these conferences. His addresses to the teachers were very practical and suggestive, and so helpful to them in their work, to which they returned with renewed enthusiasm. Public meetings were held in the evening at both places. At Gaspé Basin Dr Liddell, of New-York, gave an interesting lecture on education in China and Japan.

During the second half of the school year I visited and carefully examined the schools. I have forwarded to the Department bulletins of inspection for each school.

There are 18 school boards in my district, 14 of which are attentive, but the others rather negligent in the performance of their duties. Commissioners do not visit the schools as by law required. I examined the books and found them, with a few exceptions, well kept and duly audited. The average rate of taxes in the whole district is \$0.61½ per hundred : the maximum being \$1.25, and minimum \$0.40.

The average rate of school fees is 13½ cts. per month ; the maximum being 30 cts, and minimum 5 cts.

The increased aid from the Poor Municipality Fund is much appreciated in this remote district, and is being utilized in improving school apparatus and furniture. So that, if this aid is continued, I trust soon to see the schools much better furnished than in past years.

A new and commodious school house has been built in the municipality of Grande Grève, and one is in course of erection at Roseville. At Percé and New Carlisle the school rooms have been completely renovated and made very comfortable.

Of the teachers, 4 have model school diplomas, 3 from McGill Normal, and 1 from

Central Board ; 23 have elementary school diplomas, 5 from McGill, 17 from Central Board ; 4 have no diplomas. The average salary for model school teachers is \$275.00, and for elementary \$157.60. The teachers, as a rule, are deserving of much praise for earnest hard work.

I have pleasure in recording the names of the teachers who received bonuses for faithful and efficient work :

Misses Edith Gilker, New Richmond ; Lilian Almond, St. Godfroi ; Marion Travers, Port Daniel ; Elsie Pidgeon, New Richmond ; Clara Cooke, Malbaie ; Lilian Fairservice, Escuminac ; Louisa McCrae, New Richmond ; Jean Murchie, New Richmond ; Ella Carter, Gaspé Village.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation.

Excellent :—Cox, Cape Cove, Gaspé Village.

Good :—St. Godfroi (diss.), Percé (diss.), Port Daniel West, Gaspé Bay South, Malbaie, Haldimand, Gaspé Bay North, Douglastown (diss.).

Middling :—Grande Grève, Roseville, York, Barachois (diss.), Port Daniel East (diss.), Paspebiac East (diss.).

I have the honor to be, etc.,

I.-NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector.

REV. I. NEWTON KERR.

CAPE COVE, 15th October, 1902.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year 1901-02.

My district of inspection comprises the county of Gaspé and the municipalities of Cox, Paspebiac East, St. Godfroi, Port Daniel and Gascons, in the county of Bonaventure.

Conferences for the teachers were held at the two most important centres viz : Gaspé-Basin and New Carlisle. These meetings, which were well attended, have I believe, been very helpful to the teachers in their work. I have again to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by inspector Parker at both these institutes.

During the second half of the school year I visited and carefully examined all the schools that were in operation. I found the teachers, almost without exception, doing good work and fair progress being made : I would especially mention the excellent progress made in the model school at Gaspé-Basin. Bulletins of inspection for each school have been forwarded to the department of Public Instruction.

There are 19 school boards in my district, the majority of whom are fairly attentive in the performance of their duties. I examined the books and found them, as a rule, well kept and duly audited.

The rate of taxation varies from 2 mills to 12½ mills in the dollar. The monthly fees vary from five cents to \$1.50 per pupil.

The increased aid from the poor municipality fund has enabled many schools to be better supplied with apparatus for teaching purposes. The new dictionary which the department is giving will supply a long felt want in many of the schools.

A very comfortable school house has been built in the municipality of Barachois, and the one at Roseville made ready for occupation. The school rooms at New Carlisle have been much improved by the addition of cloak rooms and good modern furniture. Of the teachers, 3 have model school diplomas from McGill Normal; 23 have elementary school diplomas, 9 from McGill Normal, 14 from Central Board; 4 have no diplomas.

The average salary for model school teachers is \$270.00, and for elementary, \$159.77.

I have pleasure in recording the names of the teachers who received bonuses for faithful and efficient work: Misses Beatrice Bechervaise, Gaspé South; Laura Almond, Paspébiac East; Annie McKenzie, Malbaie; Ethel Lindsay, Percé; Theodora Christie, Paspébiac; Ida Smith, New Carlisle.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation:

Excellent:—Gaspé village, Cape Cove, Cox.

Good:—Gaspé Bay South, Gaspé Bay North, Percé, Haldimand, Douglastown, Malbaie, Port Daniel, St. Godfroi.

Middling:—Grand Grève, Roseville, York, Barachois (diss.), Gascons (diss.), Paspébiac East (diss.)

I have the honour to be, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector.

RÉV. J. NEWTON KERR.

CAPE COVE, Que., 1903.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year 1902-03.

Territory.—My district of inspection comprises the county of Gaspé, and the municipalities of Cox, Paspébiac East, St Godfroi, Port Daniel and Gascons in the county of Bonaventure.

Conferences.—This year, instead of holding conferences for the teachers at various small centres, I held one general conference at New-Carlisle. The experiment was not as successful as I had anticipated, as many of the teachers from Gaspé did not attend. Therefore next year I intend to resume my former custom of holding several conferences at convenient centres. We were much indebted to Inspector Parker for his valuable assistance given at this conference. His addresses to the teachers were very practical and suggestive, especially that upon the important subject of arithmetic.

Inspection.—During the second half of the school year I visited and examined all the schools that were in operation, and reported in the regular forms to the Department. I found the teachers, with few exceptions, competent and taking such an interest in their work that good progress was being made.

In accordance with instructions, I visited the two model schools in my district, and I am pleased to report that they are doing good work. I trust that the Department will continue to allow these model schools to teach the academy grade, for if this permission were withdrawn, pupils on the coast would not be able to qualify for entrance to the McGill Normal School.

School boards.—There are 18 school municipalities in charge of the 31 schools in this inspectorate. Of this number, 5 boards have visited their schools and 13 have neglected this important duty. A friendly visit from the school board is an encouragement both to the teacher and her pupils, and all boards should cheerfully comply with this regulation. In other respects, the majority are fairly attentive in the performance of their duties. The books I found, as a rule, well kept and duly audited.

Taxation, etc.—The annual rate of taxation varies from 40c. to \$1.25 per \$100.00, while the average rate per \$100.00 has been 69 5/8 c. The fees vary from 5 to 20c. per month, the average being 13 1/9 per month per pupil.

The increased aid from the Poor Municipality Fund has enabled many schools to improve their class rooms, and to be better equipped for teaching purposes. The new dictionaries and supplementary Readers given this year by the Department supplied a long felt want in many schools.

School houses.—Of the 31 schools in this inspectorate 23 are in a very satisfactory condition, and the others are being improved. During the year 2 new schools were built in the municipality of St. Godfroi, the districts having been redivided so as to place the schools in more convenient centres for the majority of rate-payers. The schools in Gaspé Village and Gaspé South have been enlarged and improved, while in several others modern seats have replaced the old time desks. The school grounds, however, receive little or no attention, although much improvement in many cases might be made.

Teaching staff.—Of the teachers 14 hold diplomas from McGill Normal School, 13 Central Board diplomas, 42 were employed on permits.

The discipline, as far as I could judge, has been good and no cases of trouble have been reported during the year. The average salary for elementary teachers was \$152.15. I have pleasure in recording the names of the teachers who received bonuses for faithful and successful work: Misses C. S. Moe, Gaspé Village; Bertha Smith, No. 2 Gaspé Village; Isabella Ross, Gaspé-Bay-North; M. Sever, New-Carlisle; Agnes Phillips, Cape-Cove; Bertha Bossy, No. 1 Cape-Cove.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation:

Excellent.—Gaspé Village, Cox, Cape-Cove (diss.);

Good.—Gaspé-Bay-South, Gaspé-Bay-North, Percé, Douglstown, Haldimand, Matane, Port-Daniel, St. Godfroi;

Middling.—Grande-Grève, Roseville, York, Barachois (diss.), Gascons (diss.), Paspébiac-East (diss.), Seal-Rock.

Thanking all for their kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

J.-NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. J. NEWTON KERR.

CAPE COVE, 26th September, 1904.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ending 30th June, 1904.

Territory:—My district of inspection comprises the county of Gaspé and Bonaventure as far as New Carlisle, making my territory about 120 miles in length and no railway communication.

Conferences:—This year, instead of holding one general conference, as I did last year, I held several at local centres convenient for the teachers. The continued interest taken by the teachers in these conferences proves that they find them helpful in their work.

Inspection:—During the second half of the school year I visited and examined all the schools that I found in operation and reported in the regular forms to the Department. I found the majority of the teachers competent and taking an intelligent interest in their work. In accordance with instructions I examined the model schools in my district, but did not find them up to their usual good standard. There is need of another model school somewhere about the centre of my inspectorate as it is almost 100 miles between these two.

School boards:—There are 18 school boards in charge of the 31 schools in this inspectorate. Of this number, 9 have visited their schools and 9 have neglected this important work. An occasional visit from some member of the board is an encouragement both to the teacher and her pupils, and I hope that those who have been negligent in this respect will awake to a sense of their duty. Five boards failed to audit their books last year, while two are several years behind in this respect.

Taxation, etc:—In this respect there has been practically no change, the rate varying from 40c. to \$1.25 per \$100.00, while the average rate per \$100.00, has been 65½c. The fees vary from 5 to 30c. per month, the average being 12.28 per month per pupil. The increase received this year from the poor municipality fund has enabled many schools to be better equipped for teaching purposes, and consequently there is an improvement in the work done in the school.

School houses:—A new school house is in course of erection at No. 2 district Grande Grève, and No. 1 at Gaspé-Bay North, has been enlarged and improved, while others have been furnished with modern seats and desks.

The school grounds, however, receive little or no attention. I think it would be a good thing if some inducement were offered for the best kept grounds.

Teaching staff:—Of the teachers, 18 hold diplomas from McGill Normal School, 8 Central Board diplomas, and 4 were employed on permits.

The average salary for elementary teachers was \$163.75 and for model \$275.00.

There were 958 pupils in attendance at the 30 schools which were in operation during the year. The average attendance was 639.

The following are the names of the teachers who received bonuses for successful work: Misses B. Bechervaise, Gaspé South; E. de Ste. Croix, Roseville; Winifrede Almond, Gascons; Flora Assels, Corner of the Beach; Lillian Dumaresq, Percé; Ida Miller, Port Daniel.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation.

Excellent :—Gaspé Village, Cox, Gaspé Bay South.

Good.—Cape Cove (diss.), Gaspé Bay North, Percé (diss.), Douglastown (diss.), Haldimand, Malbaie, Port Daniel, St. Godfroi (diss.)

Middleling—Grande Grève, Roseville, York, Barachois (diss.), Paspébiac East (diss.) Seal Rock.

Thanking all for their kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, &c.,

J. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. J. NEWTON KERR.

MARBLETON, QUE., 21st Sept. 1905.

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ending June, 1905.

Territory :—My district of inspection has the same limits as last year including all of the Protestant Schools in the county of Gaspé and Bonaventure as far as New Carlisle.

Conferences :—During the first half of the scholastic year I held three teachers' conferences at the most convenient centres. The attendance at two of them was good, but only fair at the third as the weather was not favorable for crossing Gaspé ferries. At each conference the programme outlined by the Department was taken up and discussed.

Inspection :—Each school has been inspected during the second half of the school year and reported on to the Department, school board, and the teacher. In this manner it is possible to let each teacher and board know in detail how the school is progressing. The result is an increased interest by all parties.

School boards :—There are 18 school boards in charge of the 31 schools in this inspectorate. Only 7 of these schools have been visited by any member of the school board, who seem to forget that an occasional visit would encourage their teacher as well as fulfil for themselves a duty required by school law. I hope therefore that I will see an improvement next year in this respect.

Sixteen have audited their books for last year, while two have made no audit for two years.

Taxation :—While the rate varies from 40c to \$1.25 per \$100, the average rate is 68½ per hundred dollars. The fees vary from 5 to 30 c. per month, the average being 13½ per month per pupil. This is a slight increase from last year, so that it will be seen that the increased grant from the poor municipality fund has been used for improvements rather than to lower the taxes.

School houses :—The majority of the buildings are kept in good repair, although in some cases a coat of paint would improve the outward appearance. A good new school house at No. 2 district, Grande Grève, has been completed and fairly well furnished. Modern desks are needed in No. 1 Gascons, diss. Paspébiac East, diss. also requires some more good desks, as half of present number are not very presentable.

I would like to see more attention given to the school grounds and out-buildings.

Teaching staff:—Of the teachers 15 hold diplomas from McGill Normal School, 5 Board diplomas, and 10 were employed on permits. It will be noticed that one third of the teachers hold no diploma, and many of those employed on permits were poor substitutes for the well qualified teacher. The scarcity of teachers in this district is becoming a serious question, but as the salaries are gradually increasing I hope it will induce more to enter the profession. The salaries for elementary schools varied from \$220 to \$125, the average being \$165 50, and for model schools \$300.

There were 892 pupils in attendance with an average of 607, being 32 less than last year. The following are the names of the teachers, in order of merit, who receive bonuses for successful work: Misses Edith Travers, Shigawake; Agnes Phillips, Haldimand; Annie Willett, Anse-aux-Cousins; Clara Cooke, Malbaie; Lilian Almond, Port-Daniel-West.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation:

Excellent:—Gaspé Village, Cox, Gaspé Bay-South, Cape Cove (diss.)

Good:—Gaspé Bay-North, Percé (diss.), Douglstown (diss.), Haldimand, Malbaie, Port-Daniel, St-Godfroi (diss.), Grande-Grève.

Middling:—Roseville, York, Barachois (diss.), Paspébiac E. (diss.), Seal-Rock.

Thanking all for their kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

J. NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector.

Rev. N. KERR.

MARBLETON, 27th September, 1906.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ending June 30th, 1906.

Territory:—This field of inspection consists of the Protestant schools in the county of Gaspé and five municipalities in the county of Bonaventure.

School Boards:—There are 18 school boards in charge of the 31 schools in this inspectorate. I am glad to report that I see a good improvement in the interest which they take in their work. This is shown by a more frequent visiting of the schools, and a readiness to pay better salaries to secure competent teachers. Books were audited without a single exception. The school boards of Gaspé Village and Cox are deserving of special mention for their efforts to keep their schools up to a high standard.

The announcement that the Government has decided to give prizes to the most deserving municipalities has already had a stimulating effect upon the school boards. The municipality of Gaspé Village has obtained the highest number of marks in this competition for this year.

Conferences :—A general conference for Gaspé and Bonaventure was held at New Carlisle in September. A lively interest was shown at the sessions, which resulted in the teachers doing better work in their schools afterwards. The teachers enjoy meeting at one centre; as their number is small, the conference would not be so interesting were they to meet at several small centres.

Inspection :—I have visited each school during the year and forwarded to the Department the official report for each municipality. I made also triplicate reports of the results of inspection in each subject and grade, and gave each teacher and school board a copy of such report. In this manner they are better able to judge of the progress of the schools from year to year.

Teaching Staff :—The schools were taught by 33 teachers, 3 of whom hold model school diplomas, 16 elementary diplomas and 14 were engaged by your permission. The number of teachers engaged on permits is deplorable as they are generally a poor substitute for the trained teacher. I look, however, for an improvement in this respect as many of the school boards are beginning to see the benefit of paying higher salaries for qualified teachers.

I had much pleasure in distributing the bonuses given for successful teaching. They were received by the following teachers :—Misses B. Bechevaise, A. Mabe, C. Patterson, C. Gale, O. Courser, E. Bartlett.

Salaries :—The average salary paid to teachers in model schools is \$333.33, and in the elementary schools \$192.35 to teachers with diplomas and \$139.20 to those teaching on permits. It will thus be seen that the majority of school boards very wisely make it a rule to give a higher salary to duly qualified teachers than to those without diplomas. I would like to see this difference still more strongly accentuated.

Attendance :—There were 493 boys and 512 girls attending school, making a total of 1005 pupils, being 113 more than last year. The average attendance was 663, being an increase of 56. The average number of pupils in each school was 32.4.

Taxation :—The lowest rate is 40c. per \$100 and the highest rate \$1.25 per \$100. While the average rate is 72.16 c. per \$100. The fees vary from 5 c. to 20 c. per month, the average being 13 c. per month per pupil.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation :

Excellent :—Gaspé Village, Cox.

Good :—Gaspé Bay South, Cape Cove (diss.), Percé (diss.), Gaspé Bay North, Haldimand, Malbaie, Port Daniel, St. Godfroi (diss.), Grande Grève, Douglastown (diss).

Middling :—York, Roseville, Gascons (diss.), Barachois, (diss.), Paspebiac East (diss.), Seal Rock.

Thanking all who have aided me in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR.

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REV. J. N. KERR.

MARBLETON, QUE., 9th September, 1907.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ending June 30th, 1907.

Territory :—This district of inspection consists of the Protestant schools in the county of Gaspé and five municipalities in the county of Bonaventure.

School Boards :—There are 19 school boards in charge of the 32 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of one new municipality and 2 schools. During the year 16 of these schools have been visited by some member of the school board, which is an improvement since last year. I hope to be able to

report next year that every school has been visited by their respective school boards. Where school officials and parents take little or no interest in the work of the school it is very discouraging for the teacher. No teacher can be expected to do her best who has not the sympathy and co-operation of those who should be interested.

The school board of Gaspé village is deserving of high commendation for their efforts to keep their school up to a high standard. Under the principalship of Miss Shaw, No 1 school has been furnished with a library which I believe is not surpassed by any model school in the province.

Many of the rate-payers in the municipality of Paspébiac-East diss. are agitating for a second school, which is needed because the distance of many from the present school makes the attendance very irregular.

All boards had their books audited for last year with three exceptions.

Conferences :—A general conference for both counties was held at New-Carlisle. Several of the senior teachers read carefully prepared papers, which were helpful to those less experienced in the work of teaching. A lively interest was shown in the subjects discussed, which made the sessions pleasant and profitable.

Inspection :—Owing to a protracted illness I was unable this year to make my annual tour of inspection. Under the circumstances your Department very kindly exempted me from this duty. I was able, however, to gather all statistics necessary to complete the Bulletins of Inspection, which were duly forwarded.

Teaching Staff :—The schools were taught by 34 teachers. Of this number 3 held model school diplomas, 14 elementary diplomas, 2 grade II academy certificates and 15 were teaching without diplomas.

The following are the names of the teachers who received bonuses for successful work :

Misses Lydia Shaw, Gaspé Village ; Edith Travers, Haldimand No 1 ; Agnes Philips, Gaspé Bay North ; Annie E. Allen, St Godfroi No 2.

Salaries :—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$366.66, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$192.50, and to teachers with permits \$150.00.

It will thus be seen that the majority of school boards very justly pay a higher salary to qualified teachers than to those without diplomas. They are also showing a readiness to pay better salaries to secure competent teachers.

This is commendable, and in time will no doubt induce the majority of teachers to take the regular course of training.

Attendance :—There were 504 boys and 525 girls attended school, making a total of 1029, being 24 more than last year. The average attendance was 689, being an increase of twenty-six. The average number of pupils per school was 32.19.

Taxation :—While the rate varies from 40 cts to \$1.25 per \$100 ; the average rate is 60.8 per hundred dollars. The monthly fees vary from 5 to 40 cts per month. The average being 14.2 per month per pupil.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulation :

Excellent :—Gaspé Village, Cox.

Good :—Gaspé Bay, South, Cape Cove (diss.), Perce (diss.), Gaspé Bay, North, Haldimand, St. Godfroi (diss.), Gascons (diss.), Malbaie (diss.), Douglstown (diss.), Port Daniel.

Middling :—Grande Grève, Barachois (diss.), Roseville, Seal Rock, Paspebiac East (diss.).

Thanking all for their kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

J. NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector.

REV. I. N. KERR.

MARBLETON, QUE., 20th August, 1908.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the scholastic year ending 30th June, 1908.

Territory :—The limits of this district of inspection are the same as last year with the addition of the Protestant school at Rivière du Loup, Temiscouata county.

School Boards :—There are 20 school boards in charge of the 33 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of one new municipality and one school.

Every school was in operation during the year and the majority of them for ten months. During the year, 18 of these schools were visited by some member of the school board, which shows an improvement in the performance of this duty, as two years ago only seven schools had been visited. It is worthy of notice that schools which are ranked "middling" are all, with one exception, in those municipalities where the school boards do not visit.

This tends to show that the unsatisfactory condition of some schools is largely due to lack of interest shown by parents and rate-payers. No teacher, especially one without a diploma, can be expected to do her best without the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the parents and school officials manifested by an occasional visit of the school.

The school board of Cox is commendable for their efforts, not only to keep their model schools up to a high standard, but to have an academy at New Carlisle. This would be a great benefit both to their municipality and also to the whole Gaspé coast.

Conferences:—I held the annual conferences with the teachers in October at Gaspé Basin and New Carlisle, and had an unusually large attendance. At New Carlisle I had valuable assistance from the Rev. E. Dunn, late professor of mathematics at Bishop's College, and the Rev. E. Roy, Rector of Shigawake, and also carefully prepared papers by two of the senior teachers. We had therefore a very interesting and helpful session.

The outline on the course of study issued by the Department as a teacher's manual has proved of great service, and especially so to the inexperienced teachers.

Inspection:—This year I inspected all the schools during the first half of the school year, owing to the fact that they had not been visited last year, and reported to your Department, school board and teacher.

There are three superior schools in my district which I also visited.

Teaching Staff:—The schools were taught by 36 teachers. Of this number 1 held a B. A. degree, 2 model school diplomas, 7 grade II academy certificates, and 19 were teaching without diplomas. It will thus be seen that the shortage of qualified teachers is as great as ever.

The favourable change in the regulations governing length of service bonuses has had the good effect of inducing some of my best teachers to remain in this province, who were planning on going to western Canada.

The gradual increase in salaries, larger bonuses, etc., with the attraction of Macdonald college will doubtless, in a few years, permanently increase the number of qualified teachers.

The following are the names of the teachers who received bonuses for successful work: Misses E. Bartlett, Gaspé Village No 2; Beatrice Bechevaire, Gaspé South; Ethel Acteson, Gascons; Clara Gale, New Carlisle.

Salaries:—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$383.33, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$200.55, and to teachers without diplomas \$167.00.

School boards are very wisely showing a greater readiness each year to pay a higher salary to the duly qualified teacher. They are beginning to realize that in some cases it is just a waste of money to engage young inexperienced girls.

Attendance: The number of pupils enrolled was 960 with an average attendance of 708. The average number of pupils per school was 27.14.

Taxation:—The rate of taxation ranges from 40 cts to \$1.75 per \$100.00, the average being about 70 cts per hundred dollars. This shows an improvement since last year.

The scale for fees remains the same, and varies from 5 to 40 cts per month.

The prizes offered in the two most deserving municipalities were awarded as follows :

Haldimand, \$50 ; St. Godfroi, diss. \$40.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulations :

Excellent :—Cox, Gaspé, village.

Good :—Gaspé Bay South, Gaspé Bay North, Percé (diss.), Cape Cove (diss.), St. Godfroi (diss.), Haldimand, Gascons (diss.), Malbaie, Douglstown (diss.), Port Daniel.

Middling :—Grande Grève, Barachois (diss.), Roseville, Seal Rock, Paspébiac East (diss.).

In closing I desire to tender my thanks to all officials for their kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I. N. KERR

MARBLETON, QUE., 30th August, 1909.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the scholastic year ending 30th June, 1909.

Territory :—The limits of my district of inspection are the same as last year.

School Boards :—There are 20 school boards in charge of the 34 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of one school.

All schools, except two, were in operation and the majority of them for ten months. Twenty-one of these schools were visited by some member of the school board, which shows an improvement in the performance of this duty. I hope to be able to report next year that every school has been visited by their respective school boards. When school officials and parents co-operate with the teacher much better results are shown at the end of the school year.

All secretary-treasurers had their books audited for last year with two exceptions.

Conferences :—This year I held one general conference for both counties at New Carlisle, at which valuable assistance was given by the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Dunn, M. A. The teachers enjoyed meeting at one centre and a keen interest was manifested in the subjects discussed.

Inspection :—I visited the schools during the second half of the year and forwarded to the Department a Bulletin of inspection for each municipality. I

used the "Inspector's Note Book" and gave a copy of the results of inspection to each school board and to each of the teachers. The average percentage for all the schools in my district for the past year was 82 per cent. This is a very marked improvement over last year, and shows good work on the part of the teachers.

Teaching Staff :—The schools were taught by 36 teachers. Of this number 5 held model school diplomas, 12 elementary diplomas, 4 grade II academy certificates. This is a much larger per cent of qualified teachers than last year. The steady increase in salaries, larger bonuses, etc., with the attraction of Macdonald College, are already bearing fruit in giving us a larger number of teachers with diplomas.

Salaries :—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$406.00, to elementary teachers with diplomas, \$209.28, and to teachers without diplomas, \$170.83. This shows an increase to all grades of teachers.

Attendance :—There were 567 boys and 563 girls attending school making a total of 1,130 being 170 more than last year. The average attendance was 724. The low average was partly due to contagious diseases in several districts. The average number of pupils per school was 33.23.

Taxation :—The rate of taxation varies from 25 cts to \$1.25 per \$100.00, the average being 74.85 cts per hundred dollars.

All the municipalities, with one exception, received aid from the Poor Municipality Fund, without this help many of the smaller schools could not exist. Those receiving this aid show a readiness to comply with the regulations of the Department for improvement of their schools as recommended by the inspector.

The bonuses for the two most deserving municipalities were awarded as follows :

Cox, \$50.00 ; York, \$40.00.

A new school house is in course of erection at York, and a large addition is being made to the school at New Carlisle where there are 163 pupils enrolled.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulations :

Excellent .— Cox, Gaspé, village.

Good :—St. Godfroi (diss.), Gaspé Bay South, Gaspé Bay North, Percé (diss.), Cape Cove (diss.), Haldimand, Gascons (diss.), Douglstown (diss.), Port Daniel, Grande Grève, Paspebiac East (diss.), Fraserville (diss.), York.

Middling :—Barachois (diss.), Roseville, Malbaie, Sydenham South (diss.) Seal Rock.

Thanking all for kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I. NEWTON KERR

MARBLETOM, QUE., 5th September, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the scholastic year ending 30th June, 1910.

Territory :—My district of inspection comprises the county of Gaspé, 5 municipalities in Bonaventure, the school at Rivière-du-Loup, in county of Temiscouata.

School Boards :—There are 20 school boards in charge of the 34 schools and 2 more schools are being built and will be ready for operation next term. During the year only 16 of these were visited by any member of the school board. I fear in some cases this reveals a lack of interest in the work of the school. When the school officials and parents manifest little or no interest, except by an occasional complaint, it is rather discouraging for the hard working teacher. No teacher can be expected to do her best for successive years who has not the sympathy and cooperation of those who should naturally be interested.

All the secretary treasurers had their books audited for the last year with one exception.

The school board of the municipality of Cox is deserving of high commendation for their persevering efforts to raise the standard of their schools. I am glad to be able to report that the school at New Carlisle has been raised to the status of an academy. Starting as such next September. This will be a benefit to education for the whole Gaspé coast.

Port Daniel is agitating for a model school which I hope to see an accomplished fact before another year.

Conferences :—I held the annual conferences for the teachers in September, at New Carlisle and Gaspé Basin, and they were well attended. At New Carlisle the Rev. E. A. Dunn gave a helpful address on the teaching of arithmetic and Miss Ross, of Hopetown, gave a practical paper on the teaching of grammar.

Inspection :—All the schools were visited during the second half of the year and the bulletins of inspection forwarded to your Department. I found 3 schools not in operation during the year because no teachers were available. The average percentage for all the schools in my inspectorate was 90 per cent for teachers with diplomas and 73.7 for those who were not duly qualified. It will thus be seen that there is a very marked difference in the quality of work done by teachers with diplomas and those without.

The following are the names of the teachers who received bonuses for successful work last year.

Misses Evelyn Travers, St. Godfroi, diss. ; Emma Bartlett, Grande Grève ; Agnes Philipps, Gaspé Bay North ; Ethel Acteson, Percé, diss.

Salaries :—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$440.00, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$230.90, and to teachers without diplomas \$186.00. This shows an increase to all grades of teachers. While the majority of school boards very justly pay a higher salary to qualified teachers, some

still make the mistake of paying the same to teachers without a diploma and thus encouraging them to go on in that state. The higher percentage taken in the schools taught by teachers with diplomas shows the difference in value of work done.

Attendance :—There were 521 boys and 545 girls attending school making a total of 1066. The attendance is less than last year as three schools were not in operation. The average number of pupils per school was 34.38.

Taxation :—The rate varies from 25cts to \$1.25 per \$100.00, the average being 79cts per hundred dollars. This shows an increase since last year.

The bonuses to municipalities were received and forwarded to the school boards to which they had been awarded, namely \$50 to Cox and \$40 to Cape Cove, diss.

The following municipalities, in the order named, are recommended for the bonus for improvements during the year 1909-10 : Cox and Gaspé Bay North. A new school house is in course of erection in district No. 3, in Gaspé South and Malbaie.

I have classified the municipalities according to regulations.

Excellent :—Cox, Gaspé village.

Good :—St-Godfroi, (diss.), Gaspé Bay South, Gaspé Bay North, Percé, (diss.), Port Daniel, Grande Grève, Paspébiac East (diss.), Fraserville (diss.), York, Malbaie, Douglastown (diss.), Haldimand, Gascons (diss.), Cape Cove (diss.)

Middling :—Barachois (diss.), Roseville, Sydenham South (diss.), Seal Rock.

In closing I wish to thank all officials for their prompt assistance and cooperation in the performance of my duties, and the teachers for their courtesy and helpfulness on the days of inspection.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

J. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

MR. L. NEWTON-KERR.

MARBLETON, QUE., 11th September, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the scholastic year ending 30th June, 1911.

Territory. — The limits of my district of inspection are the same as last year.

School Boards. — There are 22 school boards in charge of the 37 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of two new municipalities of 3 schools.

During the year only 15 of these schools were visited by any member of the school board, which shows a marked neglect in the performance of this important duty. The teacher in her difficult work needs the expressed sympathy and cooperation of both parents and school officials. All the secretary treasurers, with two exceptions, had their books audited for last year.

A new school house is being built in the municipality of Port Daniel Centre, and they hope to have a model school in operation next September.

The municipality of Fraserville, diss., although few in numbers, is manifesting an exemplary zeal in improving their building and securing a duly qualified teacher. Gaspé village is deserving of commendation for the efforts they are making to obtain means to erect a good modern building for their model school.

Conferences. — I held the annual conferences at Gaspé Village and New Carlisle. At Gaspé I was ably assisted by the Rev. W. Warren of Sandy Beach, and at New Carlisle by the Rev. E. A. Dunn M. A., and Miss E. Ross, one of the senior teachers.

Inspection. — All the schools were visited and inspected twice this year, except 7 which were not in operation for the full year, and therefore they only received one visit. Bulletins of Inspection were sent to the Department for both visits.

The average percentage for all the schools in my district was 86.1 per cent for teachers with diplomas, and 78 for those who were not duly qualified. This shows good work on the part of the teachers.

Teaching staff. — The schools were taught by 41 teachers. Of this number 1 held an academy, 3 model, and 12 elementary diplomas, 3 grade II and III academy certificates, and 22 had no diplomas of any kind.

The following are the names of the teachers who received bonuses for successful work last year:

Misses C. M. Patterson, Malbaie; E. Ross, Hopetown; C. Gale, Cox; Ida Lenfesty, Cape Cove.

Salaries. — The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$437.50, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$242.00, to teachers with no diplomas \$175.00.

School boards are showing a readiness to pay good salaries to duly qualified teachers.

Attendance. — There were 1180 pupils enrolled, which is an increase of 114. The average attendance was only 790, as whooping cough was very prevalent in many districts.

Taxation. — The rate of taxation is on the increase and varies from 25 cts to \$1.25 per \$100.00. The increased grants from the government have been used to raise salaries and not in any case to lower taxation.

The bonuses for the most deserving municipalities were amended as follows :

Cox, \$50.00 ; Gaspé Bay North, \$40.00. I have classified the municipalities according to regulation :

Excellent.—Gaspé Village, Cox, Fraserville, diss.

Good.—St. Godfroi (diss.), Port Daniel, Cape Cove (diss.), Percé, Haldimand York, Gaspé South, Gaspé Bay N., Grande Grève.

Middling.—Gascons (diss.), Barachois, Malbaie, Douglastown (diss.) Sydenham South (diss.), Seal Rock, Rossville, Red Head.

Thanking all for kindness and cooperation in my work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant,

L. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I. NEWTON KERR.

MARBLETON, QUE., 13th August, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1911-1912.

Territory.—The limits of my district of inspection have been extended to include two municipalities in the county of Matane.

School Boards.—There are 24 school boards in charge of the 39 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of 2 municipalities and 2 schools.

During the year 18 of the schools were visited by some members of the school board, which shows a slight improvement in the performance of this much neglected duty. No teacher can be expected to do her best who has not the sympathy and cooperation of those who should be interested.

All the secretary-treasurers, with few exceptions, had their accounts audited for last year.

The municipality of Port Daniel Centre has completed and equipped a fine new school house, which is a credit to the place.

The school board of Gaspé Bay North is taking steps to build a new school-house in district No. 1, as the present building is too small for the number of pupils.

Conferences.—I held three conferences with the teachers, at New Carlisle, Corner of the Beach, and Gaspé Village, and had a good attendance at each place.

Inspection.—All the schools were visited and inspected twice, except 3 which were only in operation for a part of the year, and therefore they only received one visit.

The average percentage for all the schools in my district on my second visit was 88.5 per cent for teachers with diplomas, and 77 for those who were not duly qualified. This shows how much better work on the average is done by the teachers with diplomas.

Teaching Staff.—The schools were taught by 42 teachers. Of this number I held an academy, 3 model, 18 elementary diplomas, and 20 were teaching with your permission :

For successful teaching this year the following teachers are recommended for bonuses :

Miss M. S. Rourke, Fraserville (diss.) ; Miss Bessie Hall, Port Daniel, No. 1 ; Mrs. Basil Travers, St. Godfroi (diss.), No. 2 ; Miss Ethel Acteson, Gascons (diss.) ; Miss Ruby Ascah, Haldimand, No. 2 ; Miss Holley Gavey, Haldimand, No. 1.

The following teachers who received bonuses last year, and are therefore not eligible to be recommended this year, are entitled to certificates for successful work ;

Miss Emma Bartlett, Miss Clara Cooke and Miss Sarah Mabe.

Salaries.—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$466.66, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$250.00, to teachers with no diplomas \$182.00. It will thus be seen that the majority of school boards very justly pay a higher salary to qualified teachers. They are also showing a readiness to pay better salaries to secure competent teachers, and in consequence the number is steadily increasing.

Attendance.—There were 1259 pupils enrolled, being 79 more than last year. The average attendance was 859, being an increase of 69.

The average number of pupils per school was 32.28.

Taxation.—The rate of taxation is steadily increasing as the larger grants from the government are being used to raise salaries. The average rate is 88.87 per hundred dollars.

Classification.—According to the regulations prescribed by the Department, I have classified the municipalities as follows :

Excellent.—Fraserville (diss.), Port Daniel Centre.

Good.—Cox, Gaspé Village, Paspébiac E. (diss.), St. Godfroi (diss.), Port Daniel, Gascons (diss.), Percé (diss.), Red Head, Haldimand, York, Roseville, Gaspé Bay North, Grande Grève.

Middling.—Barachois, Malbaie, Cape Cove, Douglastown (diss.), Gaspé Bay South, Sydenham South (diss.), Seal Rock, Metis, Little Metis.

I have the honour to recommend to you the following municipalities for bonuses for improvements, etc., during the year 1911-12.

1st Prize.....	\$50.00.....	Port Daniel Centre
2nd Prize.....	\$40.00.....	Port Daniel East (diss.)

Thanking all for kindness and co-operation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I.-N. KERR

HATLEY, QUE., 5th August, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the scholastic year 1912-13.

The limits of my district of inspection are the same at last year with the addition of the municipality of Sayabec in the county of Matane.

School boards.—There are 25 schools boards in charge of the 40 schools in this inspectorate, being an increase of one municipality and one school.

During the year, 21 of the schools were visited by some member of the board, which is an improvement in the performance of this important duty. The teacher in her trying work needs the expressed sympathy and cooperation of the school officials.

All the schools in my inspectorate were in operation during the year, and the majority of them for the full 10 months. Scarcity of teachers prevented a few schools having a full term, but all the schools, except those at Metis, wish to have the full term of 10 months.

A new school house was built in district No. 1, Port Daniel West, which is a decided improvement and a credit to the rate payers.

The municipality of Cox is deserving of special mention for their zealous effort to improve their schools. They hope to have a good new academy building completed for September, 1914. The academy here is proving a great benefit to the whole district and is deserving of support from your department.

The school board of Gaspé Bay North is making preparations to build a new and larger school house in district No. 1, as the present building is much too small.

Conferences.—I held 3 conferences in the month of October and they were all well attended. At Gaspé village, I was ably assisted by the Rev. J. Wayman M. A., and Gaspé, of the Rev. D. Horner of Peninsula.

Inspection.—All the schools were visited twice, except 5 which were not in operation for the full year, and therefore they only received one visit. Bulletins of inspection have been duly forwarded to the Department, and reports to the school boards and teachers. The average percentage for all the schools in my district on my second visit was 87.1 per cent for teachers with diplomas, and 77.3 for those who were not duly qualified. This shows good work on the part of the teachers, but more especially of those with diplomas.

Teaching Staff. The schools were taught by 46 teachers. Of this number 1 held an academy, 3 model, 30 elementary diplomas, 5 II academy permits, and 17 were teaching with your permission.

For successful teaching this year the following teachers are recommended for bonuses.

Miss Emma Bartlett, Gaspé Bay North, No. 1.

Miss A. E. Allan, Port Daniel West, No. 2.

Miss Laura Young, St. Godfroi (diss.), No. 1.

Miss Jennie Hayes, St. Godfroi (diss.), No. 2.

Miss Ella Mabe, Sayabec (diss.).

Salaries.—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$458.33, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$257.89, to teachers with no diplomas \$181.48. The majority of school boards are showing a readiness to pay good salaries to qualified teachers and in consequence the numbers are steadily increasing.

Attendance.—There were 1273 pupils enrolled, which is an increase of 14. The average was only 831.8, which I am sorry to report is a slight decrease. I might add that this poor showing is partially due to an epidemic of measles throughout the district, but I fear that carelessness on the part of parents is also a strong factor.

The average number of children per school was 31.82.

Taxation.—The rate of taxation is on the increase and varies from 40 cts to \$1.75 per \$100.00. The increased grants have been used to raise the salaries and not in any case to lower taxation.

The classification of the municipalities is as follows :

Excellent.—Cox, Sayabec (diss.), Fraserville (diss.).

Good.—St. Godfroi (diss.), Port Daniel West, Port Daniel Centre, Gascons (diss.), Cape Cove (diss.), Red Head, Percé (diss.), Haldimand, York, Gaspé, village, Gaspé Bay North.

Middling.—Little Metis, Métis, Paspébiac East (diss.), Barachois (diss.), Malbaie, Douglastown (diss.), Gaspé Bay South, Sydenham South (diss.), Roseville, Seal Rock, Grande Grève.

The following municipalities are recommended for bonuses for progress, etc., during the year 1912-13 :

1st prize, Cox.....	\$50 00
2nd prize, Gaspé, village.....	40 00

Thanking all for kindness and cooperation in my work.

I have the honour, etc.,

I.-NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. J.-NEWTON KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., 19th August, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the scholastic year 1913-14.

School boards.—There are 25 school boards in charge of the 40 schools in this inspectorate, being the same number as last year. During the year only half of the schools were visited by any member of the school board, which shows neglect in the performance of this duty. I find that, as a rule, teachers take more interest and do better work when they have the active sympathy and cooperation of the school officials and parents.

All the schools in my inspectorate, except two, were in operation during the year and the majority of them for the full ten months.

A new school house was built in district No. 1, Gaspé Bay North, which is a decided improvement and a credit to the rate-payers. A school house is also in course of construction in district No. 2, Douglas-town, where the children in former years have attended the Roman Catholic School.

The municipality of Gaspé village is erecting an up-to-date model school building. I hope this will soon become a consolidated school for several municipalities as the building is being made large enough for that purpose.

Conferences.—I held 3 conferences with the teachers, at New-Carlisle, Gaspé Village, and Malbaie, had a good attendance at each place. I was ably assisted in these conferences by the local clergy and some of the more experienced teachers.

Inspection.—All the school except five, were visited twice, and bulletins of inspection have been duly forwarded to the department, and reports to the school boards and teachers. The average percentage for all the schools in my district on my second visit was 86.5 per cent for teachers with diplomas, and 76.7 for those who were not duly qualified. This shows how much better work on the average is done by the teachers with diplomas.

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Teaching staff.—The schools were taught by 44 teachers. Of this number I held an academy, 5 model, 20 elementary diplomas, 2-II academy permits, and 16 were teaching with your permission. The summer school at Lachute has already increased the number of qualified teachers in my district. I shall be glad to welcome some more graduates from there as the ones we had this year did good work. For successful teaching this year the following teachers are recommended for bonuses :

Miss Ethel Acteson, Port Daniel East, diss.
Miss Eleanor Lindsay, Gaspé village, No 2.
Mrs. Basil Travers, Port Daniel West No. 1.
Miss Ida Lenfesty, Haldimand, No. 1.
Miss Flora Philips, St. Pierre de Malbaie, No. 1.

The following teachers deserve honorable mention, as they are not eligible for a bonus having received one last year:

Miss Emma Bartlett, Gaspé Bay North, No. 1;
Miss J. Hays, St. Godfroi, diss., No. 2.
Miss. A. E. Allan, Port Daniel West, No. 2.

Salaries.—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$468.75, to elementary teachers with diplomas \$288.18, to teachers with no diplomas \$200.47. This shows a considerable advance in salaries over last year. I find the majority of school boards quite willing to pay a good salary for a competent teacher.

Attendance.—There were 1296 pupils enrolled, which is an increase of 23. The average attendance was 863, which is far short of what it would be if all parents only realized the importance of regular attendance.

The average number of children per school was 34.1.

Taxation.—The rate of taxation is steadily increasing, as the larger grants from the government are being used to increase salaries and not in any case to lower taxation.

Temperance and health.—I do not find these subjects receiving the attention they should receive in the model schools.

Physical culture.—This subject is being taught in nearly every school and a marked improvement has been made during the last two years.

The municipalities are classified as follows according to length and arrangement of the school year, condition of buildings and grounds, apparatus and furniture, salaries of teachers, use of the course of study and authorized text-books:

Excellent:—Fraserville, diss., Sayabec, Cox, Port Daniel West.

Good:—St. Godfroi, (diss)., Port Daniel centre, Metis, Little Metis, Port Daniel East, (diss)., Cap D'Espoir (diss)., Red Head, Percé (diss.), Haldimand, Gaspé village, Gaspé Bay North, Barachois, Roseville.

Middling:—Paspebiac East (diss)., Malbaie, York, Douglastown, Gaspé Bay South, Sydenham South (diss)., Seal Rock, Grand Grève.

month and the lowest \$28. per month. To teachers without diplomas the average salary was \$22.53 per month.

This shows a good advance in salaries over last year. The majority of school boards are showing a readiness to pay good salaries to qualified teachers and in consequence the numbers are steadily increasing.

Attendance.—There were 1073 pupils enrolled, making an average of 27.51 per school. The average daily attendance was a little under 70% of the enrollment, which is not a good showing for a mild winter. Many parents do not seem to realize how much irregular attendance retards the progress of their children.

Taxation.—The rate of taxation is steadily increasing and varies from 40 cts to \$2.00 per \$100.00. The increased grants from the government are being used to raise salaries and improve the schools apparatus, and not in any case to lower taxation.

Physical culture.—This subject is taken in every school and a marked improvement is shown in the way it is taught by the teachers.

The following two schools are recommended for the prizes for physical exercises, as directed under the provisions of the Stratheona Trust.

1. Gaspé Bay South, No. 1, Miss Violet Horner, teacher.
2. Fraserville, diss, No. 1, Miss Mela Mabee, teacher.

Conferences.—I held two conferences in Gaspé and both were well attended and a lively interest shown by all in the subjects discussed.

A third conference was held at New Carlisle in conjunction with the Rev. Inspector Sutherland, which promised well but owing to an accident on the railway several of my teachers were unable to be present.

Consolidation.—I keep bringing this subject before school boards on every opportunity, but so far the response has been slow.

I hope, however, in time that the people will see the great advantage to be obtained by merging several smaller schools into one large central one of a higher standard.

The municipality of York is adopting partial consolidation and instead of making a third district they are enlarging No 2 school and having a second teacher. There is a splendid opportunity for a good consolidated school between districts No 1 and 2 of the municipality of Gaspé Bay South 1 and 2 district of the municipality of York, as there are over 150 children in these three districts.

Buildings.—A new and well equipped school house has been erected at Gaspé village, which is a credit to the place. I hope the school board will do something to beautify the grounds as they are not in harmony with the building.

The school rooms at No 1, York and Sayabec have been enlarged and made more comfortable. The school house in district No 2, Haldimand is entirely too small for the number of pupils in attendance.

Bonuses to progressive municipalities.—The following municipalities are recommended as deserving of bonuses for progress made during the year:

1. Gaspé village.
2. Shigawake.

The municipalities are classified as follows according to the length and arrangement of the school year, condition of buildings and grounds, apparatus and furniture, salaries of teachers, use of the course of study and work done by the teachers:

Excellent: Fraserville, diss, Sayabec, diss, Port Daniel West.

Good : Gaspé village, Gaspé South, Gaspé Bay North, York, Haldimand, Red Head, Metis, Little Metis, Roseville, St. Pierre de Malbaie, Port Daniel Centre, St. Godfroi, diss, Shagawake, Cabano.

Middling: Paspébiac East, diss, Port Daniel East, diss, Cap. D'Espoir, diss, Perce, diss, Sydenham South, diss, Grande Greve, Douglasstown, diss, Seal Rock, Barachois.

Thanking all for their kindness and cooperation in my work.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I. N. KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., 23rd August, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the scholastic year 1915-16.

Territory.—My inspectorate includes the counties of Temiscouata, Matane, Gaspé and six municipalities in the county of Bonaventure.

There are in this district 26 municipalities and 39 schools, 3 of which are model. All of these schools were in operation during the year, and all except three, for the full term of ten months.

Inspection.—The schools of municipality, except two, were visited twice during the year and bulletins of inspection have been duly forwarded to the Department of Public Instruction and reports to the schools boards and teachers.

The average percentage for all the schools on my second visit was 87.9 per cent for teachers with diplomas and 80. per cent for those not duly qualified. This shows that hard work was done by the majority of teachers.

Teaching Staff.—The schools were taught by 43 teachers. Of this number 5 held model diplomas, 20 elementary, 4 had permits and 14 were teaching with your permission. This is an increase in number of qualified teachers.

For successful work this year, the following teachers are recommended for bonuses:

- Miss Emma Bartlett, Gaspé Village, No. 1;
- “ H. R. Montgomery, Gaspé Bay North, No. 1;
- “ Holly Gavey, Grande Greve, No. 1;
- “ Belle Caldwell, Port Daniel West, No. 1;
- “ Ella Mabe, Cabano, No. 1.

Course of Study.—The new Course of Study was taken up in all the schools and was followed as closely as possible. On the whole it was well received, but for some schools grade VII was found a little heavy in arithmetic and English and grade IX in Geography and History. The new text books increased the interest of both teachers and pupils in their work. Nature Study was started in the majority of the schools, and thoroughly done in Gaspé Village Model School. Small gardens were made this spring at Shigawake and No. 1 Port Daniel West, and are to be kept in order during the holidays by pupils who reside in the neighbourhood.

Physical Culture.—There is a marked improvement in this subject, and particularly in the schools taught by graduates of Macdonald College and Lachute. The following schools have been recommended for the prizes for physical exercises:

Gaspé Village, No. 1	teachers,	Miss B. Bechervaise and Miss E. Bartlett.
Port Daniel Centre, No. 1,	“	Miss Mabel Dow.

Salaries.—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$566.66, the highest being \$700.00.

The average salary paid to elementary teachers with diplomas was \$31.74 per month. The highest salary paid was \$45.00 per month. To teachers without diplomas the average salary was \$21.94 per month. The majority of the school boards are quite willing to pay a good salary for a competent teacher.

Attendance.—There were 1027 pupils enrolled, making an average of 26.3 per school. The average daily attendance was a little under 68 per cent of the enrollment, which is far short of what it would be if all parents realized the great importance of regular attendance for good progress.

The number of R. C. pupils in attendance in these schools was 19.

Taxation.—The rate of taxation is steadily increasing as the larger grants from the government are being used to increase salaries and not in any case to lower taxation. The rate varies from 40 cts to \$2.00 per \$100.00, the average being \$1.00.

Conferences.—I held three conferences with the teachers, at Shigawake, Gaspé Village, and Corner of Beach and had perfect attendance at all with the exception of one teacher detained by illness. At Shiga-

wake, Mr. J. C. Sutherland, B. A. Inspector General was present and gave a helpful address on the new course of Study. At this same conference, one of the teachers, Miss Edna Hayes, gave an excellent paper on the teaching of arithmetic.

At Gaspé, I was assisted by the Rev. W. J. Wayman, who gave an instructive paper on the Union Jack.

Buildings.—No new school houses were built this year, but improvements have been made on old ones in many cases.

The school building in district No. 2, Haldimand, is too small for the number of pupils in attendance and I have recommended that it be enlarged.

In the majority of districts, the outbuildings and grounds do not receive the attention they should and I hope to have improvements in this direction.

Bonuses to progressive municipalities.—The following municipalities are recommended as deserving of bonuses for progress made during the year:

1. Port Daniel West.
2. Roseville.

The municipalities are classified as follows, according to the length and arrangement of the school year, condition of buildings and grounds, apparatus and furniture, salaries of teachers, use of the course of study and work done by the teachers.

Excellent: Gaspé Village, Port Daniel West, Cabano, Sayabec, diss.

Good: Shigawake, Red Head, St. Godfroi, diss, Port Daniel Centre, Percé, diss., Roseville, Little Métis, York, Gaspé Bay South, Gaspé Bay North, Grande Grève, Cap D'Espoir, Haldimand, Paspébiac East, diss.

Middling: Métis, St. Pierre de Malbaie, Barachois, diss., Douglastown, diss., Fontenelle, Seal Rock, Port Daniel East, diss.

Thanking all for their kindness and cooperation in my work,

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

I. NEWTON KERR,
School Inspector.

REV. I.-N. KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., 9th August, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year 1916-17, on the schools of this inspectorate.

The district comprises all the Protestant schools in the counties of Temiscouata, Matane, Gaspé and six municipalities in the county of Bonaventure.

There are in this district 26 municipalities and 30 schools, 3 of which are model. Every school was in operation during the year and all, except three, for the full term of ten months.

The average percentage for all the schools on the spring visit was 89.2 per cent for teachers with diplomas and 82.6 per cent for those not duly qualified. This is the highest per cent on record in my inspectorate and shows that exceptionally good work was done this year.

Teaching staff.—Of the 43 teachers employed 4 held model diplomas, 24 elementary, 4 permits and 11 were teaching with your permission. The number of qualified teachers is steadily increasing, the present year showing the largest number ever employed in my district.

Salaries.—The average salary paid to model school teachers was \$566.66, the highest being \$700.00.

The average salary paid to elementary teachers with diplomas \$34.70 per month, the highest being \$45.00. To teachers without diplomas the average salary was \$22.47 per month. This is an increase of over 9 p. c., for qualified teachers. I find the majority of school boards are quite willing to pay a good salary to retain a competent teacher.

Attendance.—There were 1035 pupils enrolled, boys 477, girls 558, making an average of 26.53 per school. The average attendance was 311 boys and 385 girls, or 67 per cent of the enrollment. The unusually severe winter together with prevalence of measles tended to lower the average, yet it would have been better if all the parents only realized the great importance of regular attendance.

Taxation.—Five school boards raised their rate, so that the average is now a little over \$1.00 per \$100.00. Two school boards, Shigawake and Roseville, pay \$2.00 and 3 boards, Percé, Gaspé Bay North and Fontenelle pay \$1.50 per \$100.00.

Buildings.—I found all the school houses in a good state of repair and the majority of schools were equipped with modern furniture. The school grounds are fairly well kept, but more should be done to beautify the surroundings. The outbuildings in many cases are neglected and I found it necessary to warn several school boards that they must be kept in a more sanitary condition.

Conferences.—Conferences were held as usual in September, a Gaspé village, Corner of Beach and Shigawake and were well attended by the teachers.

Consolidation.—This subject has not received much serious attention by the school boards, although I lose no opportunity of pointing out its great advantages for higher education. Of course there is not so pressing a need for consolidation as in the Eastern townships, as there is still an average of over 26 pupils per school in this inspectorate.

Bonuses.—The following teachers are recommended for bonuses for successful work during the year.

Teacher.	%	Municipality.	Districts
Miss Sarah Mabe.....	94.	Sayabec, diss.....	No 1
Mrs. Basil Travers.....	90.5	Port-Daniel West.....	" 2
Miss Violet Horner.....	90.5	St-Pierre-de-Malbaie.....	" 1
Miss Marjorie Annett.....	89.5	Percé, diss.....	" 2
Miss Marjorie Ross.....	89.	Paspébiac East, diss.....	" 1

The following teachers are recommended for honour cards, not being eligible for bonuses this year:

Miss E. Bartlett, Gaspé village;
 Miss H. R. Montgomery, Gaspé South;
 Miss Ella Mabe, Cabano;
 Miss C. Gale, Port Daniel West.

The following teachers have been most successful in teaching the physical exercises, as required by the Strathcona Trust and are recommended for the certificates and their schools for the prizes:

Municipality.	District	Teacher	Diploma
Percé, diss.....	No 1	Miss Ida Lenfesty.....	Elem.
Port-Daniel-West.....	" 1	" Clara Gale.....	"
Sayabec, diss.....	" 1	" Sarah Mabe.....	"
St-Pierre-de-Malbaie.....	" 1	" Violet Horner.....	R. Elem.

The municipalities which I would recommend for the prizes for improvements are:

County	Municipality	Secretary	Amount
Gaspé.....	York.....	Wm. Jones.....	\$ 50.00
Gaspé.....	Red Head.....	John A. Mahan.....	40.00

The municipalities are classified as follows according to the length and arrangement of the school year, condition of buildings and grounds, apparatus and furniture, salaries of teachers, use of the course of study and work done by the teachers:

Excellent.—Port Daniel West, Sayabec, diss., Fraserville, diss., Red Head, Gaspé village, Cabano;

Good.—Shigawake, York, Gaspé South, Port Daniel diss., Percé diss., Roseville, Gaspé Bay North, Haldimand, Cap Despair, diss., Little Métis, St. Godfroi, diss., Barachois, diss.;

Middling.—Métis, St. Pierre de Malbaie, Seal Rock, Douglas-town, diss., Fontenelle, Port Daniel East, diss., Paspébiac East, diss.

In closing I desire to thank the secretary treasurers and others for their kindness and courtesy extended to me in my work.

I.-NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector. /35

REV. I. N. KERR, M. A.

HATLEY, Que., 31st July, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the summary of statistics of my district of inspection for the scholastic year 1917-18.

During the year all the schools were visited twice with the exception of a few that were not in operation before Christmas, as they could not secure teachers.

Reports of inspection concerning the autumn work, and bulletins of inspection for the twenty seven municipalities in my inspectorate, have been forwarded to the Department. Reports of my inspection were also sent to all the school boards and to the teachers.

The average percentage for all the schools on the spring visit was 89.4 for teachers with diplomas, and 86.4 for those teaching with permission. This is the highest per cent on record in my inspectorate and shows that good work was done this year; of the 43 teachers employed 3 held model diplomas, 1 B. A., 23 elementary, 5 permits and 11 were teaching with your permission.

The number of qualified teachers is steadily increasing and especially since the short courses have started at Macdonald. I had five in my district this year who graduated at Christmas.

In October I held one general conference at Gaspé Village for all the teachers in my inspectorate, which was well attended. This was made possible through the kindness of Mr. Gordon, General Manager of A. Q. & W. R. R. At this conference I was ably assisted by the Inspector General, Mr. J. C. Sutherland, B. A., of the Department of Public Instruction.

The Inspector-General also held a meeting of the school boards of the county at Gaspé for the purpose of forming a branch of the Provincial Association of School Boards.

This meeting was well attended and much interest manifested in the different subjects discussed.

The following teachers are recommended for bonuses for successful work during the year.

Teachers	%	Municipalities	Districts
Miss R. E. Hamilton.....	92.	Gaspé, village.....	No. 2
" M. Le Touzel.....	91.2	Gaspé South.....	No. 1
" Grace Dow.....	91.	Port-Daniel West.....	No. 1
" E. Robson.....	91.	York.....	No. 1
" E. Vibert.....	90.5	Haldimand.....	No. 1

The following teachers have been most successful in teaching the physical exercises as required by the Strathcona Trust and are recommended for the certificates and their schools for the prizes :

Municipalities	Districts	Teachers	Diplomas
Barachois, diss.	No. 1	Miss Flora Philips	Elementary.
St-Pierre-de-Malbaie	No. 1	" Daisy Cooke	"
Shigawake	No. 1	" Grace LeGallais	"
Roseville, diss.	No. 1	" Maude Bartlett	R. "

The municipalities which I would recommend for improvements are :

Counties	Municipalities	Secretaries	Amount
Gaspé	Gaspé Bay North	Austin Philips	\$ 50.00
Bonaventure	Shigawake	James Byers	40.00

The municipalities are classified as follows :

Excellent.—Sayabec, diss., York, Fraserville, diss.

Good.—Shigawake, Gaspé village, Cabano, Gaspé Bay North, Haldimand, Port Daniel Centre, Red Head, Port Daniel West, St. Godfroi, diss., Barachois, diss., Gaspé South, Paspébiac East, diss., Cap Désespoir, diss., Percé, St-Pierre-de-Malbaie, Roseville, diss.

Middling.—Métis, Little Métis, Port Daniel East, diss., Edmonds, Seal Rock, Douglstown, Fontenelle.

1.—Number of school municipalities :				
a)	Under control of commissioners			16
b)	Under control of trustees			11
			Total	27
2.—Number of schools :				
a)	Elementary			37
b)	Model			3
			Total	40
3.—Number of teachers :				
a)	Male teachers			0
b)	Female teachers			43
			Total	43
4.—Average salaries :				
b)	Female teachers in elementary schools			307.97
	" " in model schools			550.00
5.—Number of children of school age :				
a)	Boys from 5 to 7 years	138	Girls from 5 to 7 years	105
b)	Boys from 7 to 14 years	453	Girls from 7 to 14 years	457
c)	Boys from 14 to 16 years	78	Girls from 14 to 16 years	104
d)	Boys from 16 to 18 years	48	Girls from 16 to 18 years	69
			Total	1,452
6.—Number of pupils enrolled :				
a)	In the elementary schools			904
b)	In the model schools			148
			Total	1,052
7.—Average attendance (in percentage).				
a)	In the elementary schools			.67
b)	In the model schools			.80

8.—Classification of pupils :

Years of Course. (Boys and Girls).

In Grade 1.....	220
In Grade 2.....	101
In Grade 3.....	170
In Grade 4.....	170
In Grade 5.....	160
In Grade 6.....	108
In Grade 7.....	81
In Grade 8.....	26
In Grade 9.....	14
In Grade 10.....	2
Total.....	1,052

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

I. NEWTON KERR,

Inspector of Schools.

M. I.-N. RERR.

HATLEY, QUE., Aug. 22, 1919.

To The Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Quebec, Que.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the summary of statistics of my district
of inspection for the scholastic year ending June 30th, 1919.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.		1618-1918	1918-1919
1.—Number of school municipalities :			
a) Under control of commissioners.....		16	16
b) Under control of trustees.....		11	10
	Total.....	27	26
2.—Number of schools :			
a) Elementary.....		37	38
b) Model.....		3	3
	Total.....	40	41
3.—Number of teachers :			
a) Male teachers.....			
b) Female teachers.....		43	45
4.—Average salaries :			
a) Male teachers in elementary schools.....		307.97	324.51
b) Female teachers in elementary schools.....		550.00	600.00
5.—Number of children of school age :			
a) Boys from 5 to 7 years.....	125	Girls from 5 to 7 years.....	111
b) Boys from 7 to 14 years.....	441	Girls from 7 to 14 years.....	430
c) Boys from 14 to 16 years.....	144	Girls from 14 to 16 years.....	123
d) Boys from 16 to 18 years.....	77	Girls from 16 to 18 years.....	81
	Total.....	1,452	1,632
6.—Number of pupils inscribed :			
a) In elementary schools.....		994	878
b) In model schools.....		148	186
	Total.....	1,052	1,064
7.—Average attendance : (in percentage)			
a) In elementary schools.....		87%	86%
b) In model schools.....		80%	74.7%
		71.6%	61.4%
8.—Classification of pupils :			
In first year.....		220	246
In second year.....		101	122
In third year.....		170	125
In fourth year.....		170	162
In fifth year.....		160	167
In sixth year.....		108	105
In seventh year.....		81	71
In eighth year.....		26	42
In ninth year.....		14	17
In ten year.....		2	5
Total.....		1,052	1,064

All the schools of my inspectorate were visited twice according to instructions, and reports sent to teachers, boards and the Department.

One new school house has been built in district No. 3 of the municipality of Gaspé Bay South. It is a well finished building and a credit to the few people in the district who had it erected without much expense to the municipality.

In October I held one general conference at Gaspé Village for all the teachers in my inspectorate. This was made feasible through the kindness of the general manager of the A. Q. and W. R. R. in giving nominal rates to the teachers.

The qualifications of the teachers in charge of the schools were as follows :

McGill Normal School, Elementary diplomas	3
Macdonald College, Model diplomas	4
Macdonald College, Elementary diplomas	15
Rural Elementary diplomas	3

Teachers without diplomas :

Grade XI certificates	2
“ X “	2
“ IX “	8
“ VIII “	5
“ VII “	3

It is very evident from the above statement that there is urgent need for more qualified teachers. The majority of school boards are quite willing to pay higher salaries for good teachers.

The teachers recommended for bonuses are :

Municipalities	Teacher	Address	Class of diploma
Gaspé Village	Miss Emma Bartlett	Grand Greve	Flem.
Red Head	“ Bessie Burton	Black Cpaes	Elem.
Fraserville, diss.	“ Frances Gorham	Riv.-du-Loup	Elem.
Roseville, diss.	“ Maude Bartlett	Grand Greve	R. Elem.
Haldimand	“ W. E. Chisholm	New-Carlisle	Elem.
Gaspé Bay North	“ Stella Robinson	Shigawake	Elem.

The following municipalities are recommended for prizes for progress :

Counties	Municipalities	Secretary	Amounts
Gaspé	Gaspé Village	Fred. Veit	\$50.00
Gaspé	Gaspé Bay South	Arthur Doyle	40.00

The following teachers have been most successful in teaching the physical exercises as required by the Strathcona Trust and are recommended for the certificates and their schools for the prizes :

Counties	Municipalities	District	Teacher	Address
Temiscouata	Cabano	1	Edith Gorham	Riv.-du-Loup .
Bonaventure	Paspébiac, diss.	1	Marjorie Ross	Hopetown .

The following is the classification of the municipalities according to Art. 9 (m) of the Regulations of the Protestant Committee :

Excellent.—Cabano, Fraserville, diss., Sayabec, Gaspé Village, Red Head.

Good.—Shigawake, St. Godfroi, diss., Port Daniel West, Port Daniel Centre, Port Daniel East, diss., Percé, diss., York, St. Pierre de Malbaie, Gaspé South, Cap Désespoir, diss., Roseville.

Middling.—Little Métis, Grand Métis, Seal Rock, Barachois, diss., Edmonds, Douglstown, diss., Haldimand, Fontenelle, Gaspé Bay North, Grand Grève, Paspebiac, diss.

I have the honour, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,

School Inspector.

M. I. N. KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., Aug. 30, 1920.

To The Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Quebec, Que.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for the scholastic year 1919-20.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.				1918-1919	1919-1920
1.—Number of school municipalities :					
a)	Under control of commissioners.....			16	17
b)	Under control of trustees.....			10	10
			Total.....	26	27
2.—Number of schools :					
a)	Elementary.....			38	38
b)	Model.....			3	3
			Total.....	41	41
3.—Number of teachers :					
a)	Male teachers.....				1
b)	Female teachers.....			45	43
			Total.....	45	44
4.—Average salaries :					
a)	Male teachers in model schools.....				\$ 800.00
b)	Female teachers in elementary schools.....			\$324.51	370.67
	" " in model schools.....			600.00	650.00
5.—Number of children of school age :					
a)	Boys from 5 to 7 years.	130	Girls from 5 to 7 years.	121	236
b)	Boys from 7 to 14 years.	425	Girls from 7 to 14 years.	463	871
c)	Boys from 14 to 16 years.	111	Girls from 14 to 16 years.	102	267
d)	Boys from 16 to 18 years.	76	Girls from 16 to 18 years.	85	158
			Total.....	1,532	1,513
6.—Number of pupils inscribed :					
a)	In elementary schools.....			878	851
b)	In model schools.....			186	169
			Total.....	1,064	1,020
7.—Average attendance : (in percentage)					
a)	In elementary schools.....			66.0%	66.27%
b)	In model schools.....			74.7%	77.51%
8.—Classification of pupils :					
	In grade 1.....			246	212
	In grade 2.....			124	119
	In grade 3.....			125	130
	In grade 4.....			162	152
	In grade 5.....			167	126
	In grade 6.....			105	148
	In grade 7.....			71	79
	In grade 8.....			42	22
	In grade 9.....			17	25
	In grade 10.....			5	7
			Total.....	1,064	1,020

The limits of my district remain the same, and include 41 schools.

All of these schools have been visited twice with in the year with the exception of the schools at Métis, which were closed at the time of my second visit.

Reports of inspection for the autumn visits, and the bulletins of inspection for the year have all been forwarded to the Department. In the autumn I held one general conference at Gaspé village for all the teachers in my inspectorate, except those in the counties of Matane & Temiscouata. This was made feasible through the kindness of the general manager of the A. Q. & W. R. R., who in the interest of education gave the teachers nominal rates.

The qualifications of the teachers in charge of the schools were as follows :

Model School Diplomas from Macdonald.....	3
Elem. School Diplomas from Macdonald.....	14
Elem. School Diplomas from McGill Normal.....	1
B. A., from McGill University.....	1
Rural Elem. Diplomas.....	6
Elem. School Diplomas from Q. C. B.....	1

Teachers without diplomas :

Grade	XI certificate.....	1
"	X ".....	1
"	IX ".....	8
"	VIII ".....	7
"	VII ".....	1

It is quite evident from the above statement that there has not been much improvement in the supply of qualified teachers in my district. In the majority of cases it is not the fault of the school boards who are willing to pay much higher salaries for qualified teachers. A good number of boards have doubled the salaries for 1920-21, and are paying the suggested minimum of \$600.00. This will be an encouragement for those who are teaching by permission to go to Macdonald College and qualify.

A number of school boards have failed to comply with the Regulations requiring them to supply their schools with a set of text books for the teachers' use. I hope this essential equipment will be provided in all the schools next year.

The teachers recommended for bonuses are :

Municipalities	Teacher	Address	Class of Diploma
Fraserville, diss.....	Miss Edith Gorham.....	Rivière-du-Loup, Station.....	M.
Gaspé Bay North.....	" Ella Sullivan.....	Shigawake-East.....	E.
Port Daniel West.....	" May Bisson.....	Port Daniel West.....	E.
Gaspé Village.....	" Erna Vibert.....	Gaspé.....	E. C.
Cabano.....	" Evelyn Wells.....	Hatley.....	E. C.

Rev. I. N. KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., July 25th., 1921.

To The Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Quebec, Que.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report comprising : I. The statistical summary of my inspection district ; II. General remarks on the working of the Education Act in the same district ; III. The classification of municipalities by order of merit.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.		1920-1921	
1.—Number of school municipalities :			
a) Under control of commissioners.....		17	
b) Under control of trustees.....		10	
	Total.....		27
2.—Number of schools :			
a) Elementary.....		38	
b) Model.....		3	
	Total.....		41
3.—Number of teachers :			
a) Female teachers.....		44	
4.—Average salaries :			
a) Female teachers in elementary schools.....		\$ 477.43	
" " in model schools.....		850.00	
5.—Number of children of school age :			
a) Boys from 5 to 7 years. 125 Girls from 5 to 7 years. 111		236	
b) Boys from 7 to 14 years. 432 Girls from 7 to 14 years. 433		865	
c) Boys from 14 to 16 years. 103 Girls from 14 to 16 years. 115		218	
d) Boys from 16 to 18 years. 83 Girls from 16 to 18 years. 75		158	
	Total.....		1,477
6.—Number of pupils inscribed :			
a) In elementary schools.....		871	
b) In model schools.....		156	
	Total.....		1,027
7.—Average attendance : (in percentage)			
a) In elementary schools.....		70.16%	
b) In model schools.....		71.80%	
8.—Classification of pupils :			
In grade 1.....		245	
In grade 2.....		100	
In grade 3.....		141	
In grade 4.....		141	
In grade 5.....		126	
In grade 6.....		114	
In grade 7.....		112	
In grade 8.....		26	
In grade 9.....		15	
In grade 10.....		7	
	Total.....		1,027

It is evident from the above statement that while the shortage of qualified teachers continues, yet there is a decided improvement and I hope that the increased salaries will soon eliminate the unqualified teacher. It is encouraging to note that the average salaries in model schools have increased this last year \$200.00 and in elementary schools \$106.76. The average salary of elementary teachers with diplomas being \$546.80, and for unqualified teachers \$396.06. This difference in salary should be an incentive for those who are teaching by permission to go to Macdonald College and qualify.

The average daily attendance was better than last year.

The teachers recommended for bonuses are :

Municipalities	Teachers	Address	Class of diploma
Village of Gaspé.....	Miss Emma Bartlett.....	Grande Grève.....	E.
Saint-Godfroi, diss.....	" Blanche Ramier.....	Shigawake-east.....	R. E.
Cabano.....	" Bessie Burton.....	Cap Noir.....	E.
Grande Grève.....	Mrs M. Simon.....	Grande Grève.....	E.
Paspébiac, diss.....	Miss Marjorie Ross.....	Hopetown.....	E.

The following municipalities are recommended for prizes for progress :

Counties	Municipalities	Secretary	Amounts
Gaspé.....	Village f Gaspé.....	Fred Veit.....	\$50.00
Gaspé.....	Cap Désespoir, diss.....	Oscar Unquhart.....	40.00

The following schools are recommended for the prizes awarded annually for proficiency in physical training :

Counties	Municipalities	District	Teachers	Address
Gaspé.....	Village of Gaspé.....	2	Emma Bartlett.....	Grande Grève.
Gaspé.....	Gaspe Bay North.....	1	Ella Sullivan.....	Shigawake-E.

GENERAL REMARKS

In my district of inspection there were in operation 40 schools out of a total of 41. All of the schools have been visited twice during the year with the exception of a few who were forced to have a short term as no teachers were available for beginning of the year ; and so were not in operation at time of my first visit. It is however the intention of all school boards, with the exception of the Métis schools, to have their schools in operation for 10 months.

In October I held one general conference at Gaspé Village for all the teachers in my inspectorate. This was made feasible through the kindness of the General manager of the A.Q. & W.R.R. in giving cheap rates to the teachers. At this conference I was ably assisted by the Rev. J. W. Wayman, Rector of Gaspé, and by the three Principals of the Model Schools in my district.

The school libraries were increased this year by about 900 books which I received from the Department for distribution at the time of my second visit.

The majority of the schools have been supplied with a "Permanent Record", but these are still a few school boards who have not yet supplied their schools with a full set of text books for the teachers' use.

The qualifications of the teachers in charge of the schools were as follows :

Model School Diplomas from MacDonald.....	2
Model School Diplomas from Protestant C.B.....	1
Undergraduate of Queen's University.....	1

Elementary School Diplomas from McGill Normal.....	1
Elementary School Diplomas from MacDonald.....	16
Rural elementary diplomas.....	5
Elementary School Diplomas from Q.C.B.....	3
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	29
Teachers without diplomas :	
Grade X certificate.....	5
“ IX “.....	7
“ VIII “.....	3
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	15

The following is the classification of the municipalities according to art. 9 (m) of the Regulations of the Prot stant Committee.

Excellent.—Fraserville, dis., Cabano, Sayabec, diss., Gasp  village, Shigawake, Port Daniel Centre; Port Daniel West, Cap D sespoir, diss., Red Head, York.

Good.—Pasp biac E., diss., Little M tis Village, Edmonds, Grande, Gr ve, Gasp  B. South, St-Godfroi, diss., Gasp  B. North, Haldimand, Perc , diss, St-Pierre de Malbaie.

Middling.—Port Daniel East, diss., Roseville, Fontenelle, M tis Seal Rock, Douglastown, diss., Barachois, diss.

I have the honour, etc.,

I.-N. KERR,

School Inspector.

Rev. I. N. KERR.

HATLEY, QUE., July 25th., 1921.

To The Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Quebec, Que.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my annual report comprising: I. The statistical summary of my inspection district; II. General remarks on the working of the Education Act in the same district; III. The classification of municipalities by order of merit.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.		1921-1922	
I.—Number of school municipalities :			
a) Under control of commissioners.....		17
b) Under control of trustees.....		10
	Total.....		27
II.—Number of schools :			
a) Elementary.....		37
b) Model.....		3
	Total.....		40
III.—Number of teachers :			
a) Male teachers.....		1
b) Female teachers.....		43
	Total.....		44
IV.—Average salaries :			
a) In elementary schools.....		\$ 350.00
b) Female teachers in elementary schools.....		452.75
“ “ in model schools.....		783.33

4.—Number of children of school age :					
a) Boys from 5 to 7 years.	122	Girls from 5 to 7 years.	134		
b) Boys from 7 to 14 years.	399	Girls from 7 to 14 years.	397		
c) Boys from 14 to 16 years.	108	Girls from 14 to 16 years.	156		
d) Boys from 16 to 18 years.	77	Girls from 16 to 18 years.	81		
				Total	1,374
5.—Number of pupils inscribed :					
a) In elementary schools.				825	
b) In model schools.				155	
				Total	980
7.—Average attendance : (in percentage)					
a) In elementary schools.				70%	
b) In model schools.				77.4%	
8.—Classification of pupils :					
In Grade 1.				177	
In Grade 2.				120	
In Grade 3.				139	
In Grade 4.				158	
In Grade 5.				98	
In Grade 6.				126	
In Grade 7.				100	
In Grade 8.				40	
In Grade 9.				21	
In Grade 10.				1	
				Total	980

GENERAL REMARKS

The 40 schools in my inspectorate were all in operation and the majority of them for 10 months. All of these schools have been visited twice during the year with the exception of a few that were not in operation for the full term.

Reports of inspection for the Autumn visits, and the bulletins of inspection for the year have all been forwarded to the Department.

In the Autumn, I held two conferences for the teachers, one at Shigawake and the other at Gaspé Village. At these conferences I was ably assisted by the clergy in each district and the Principals of the Intermediate schools.

The qualifications of the teachers in charge of the schools were as follows:

Model school diplomas from Macdonald	2
Model School diploma from P. C. B.	1
Academic Normal from Oshawa.	1
Elementary school diplomas from McG. N.	1
“ “ “ “ Macdonald.	17
Rural Elementary diploma.	1
Elementary diploma from C. B.	1

Teachers without diplomas:

Grade X Certificate	6
Grade IX Certificate	10
Grade VIII Certificate	3
Grade VII Certificate	1

It is evident from the above statement that the shortage of qualified teachers continues. One reason for so many being engaged this year was that the financial depression on the Coast made it practically impossible for some school boards to pay qualified teachers.

The average daily attendance was much better than last year.

The teachers recommended for bonuses are:

Municipality	Teacher	Address	Class of diploma
Bale-de-Gaspé-South.	Berthe Gale.....	Cap-d'Espoir.....	Elem.
Port-Daniel-West....	Louis G. Brooks.....	Plage-de-Petit-Métis.....	"
Haldimand.....	Marjorie Eagle.....	"Sunny Bank".....	"
Fraserville, diss.....	C. E. Proctor.....	Station-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup.....	"
Gaspé Village.....	Erma Vilbert.....	Gaspé.....	R. E.
Haldimand.....	May Savage.....	Cap-d'Espoir.....	Elem.

The following municipalities are recommended for prizes for progress:

Municipality	County	Secretary	Amounts
Percé, diss.....	Gaspe.....	Abner Bisson.....	\$50.00
Sayabec, diss.....	Matane.....	Sam. Hughes.....	40.00

The following schools are recommended for the prizes awarded annually for proficiency in physical training:

County	Municipality	District	Teacher	Address
Gaspe.....	Red-Head.....	1	Ella Cooke.....	New-Carlisle
".....	Gaspe Village.....	1 •	Béatrice Coffin.....	Gaspe
Bonaventure.....	Paspebiac, diss.....	1	Ella Sullivan.....	Shigawake E.

Consolidation has not yet reached the Coast, but there is an excellent opportunity for a large consolidated school in the municipality of Gaspe Bay South taking in part of Gaspe Village and district No 2 or York. Here, within the radius of a few miles could be gathered together about 200 children. I hope some time to see a High School in this section of Gaspe.

The following is the classification of the municipalities according to art. 9 (m) of the Regulations of the Protestant Committee:

Excellent:—Fraserville, diss., Cabano, Sayabec, diss., Percé, diss., Haldimand, Cap Desespoir, diss., Gaspe Village.

Good:—Metis Village, Metis, Shigawake, St. Godfroi, diss., Port Daniel West, Port Daniel Centre, Barachois, diss., Malbaie, York, Gaspe Bay South, Gaspe Bay North.

Middling:—Port Daniel East, diss., Edmonds, Paspebiac, diss., Douglastown, diss., Fontenelle, Roseville, Seal Rock, Grande Grève.

In closing this report I desire to heartily thank all who have assisted me and made my work a pleasure during the 23 years that I have examined the schools.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

I. NEWTON KERR,

School inspector.