

well as to show the care and neatness of the teacher. Should the Commissioners and their Secretary in their visits to the schools examine the Registers it would foster a spirit of neatness in some of them -

Registers naturally lead to Returns, those now at hand manifest considerable labor, more labor than care in some instances. The errors & omissions preclude the possibility of your being able to publish any thing like accurate Statistics your average attendance would be above 3000 instead of 2891 as now given, were all the answers to question No 23 of the returns given according to instructions. The Board and Education are losers for want of facts quite reliable. I hope the next returns will defy all criticism.

The Registered attendance of all the schools is 4472. Calculating from the estimate of the present year this gives one pupil in school for each four dollars & 25 cents \$4.25 expended during the half year. Eight dollars and fifty cents \$8.50 a year - and \$2.12½ per quarter including tuition, furniture, books & stationery, the very best that can be procured this is a very small sum indeed when compared with past and present prices for private tuition

Ten schools reported the average attendance between 60 and 70 per cent of the No Registered viz. Three Mile School 60% - St. Lukes Male 60% - Poor House 61 - St. Johns Male 61 - Fem. 62 Colonial 63 - Acadian Female 64 - Burns Street Female 65 Campbell Road 67 -

Eight were below 60% - Acadian Male 58 St. Lukes Female 53 - National 53 - City Street 51 - Convent Free 50 - Zion 47 - Mason Hall 44 - & Inglis School 35.

Seven were above 70 percent viz. Brunswick St. Male 70 - Richmond 73 - St. Marys Female 76 - Russell Street Female 78 - St. Marys Male 90 - St. Patricks Female 90 and St. Patricks Male 91 - The largest school is Brunswick Street

with ten teachers. 771 Registered and 510
 pupils in average attendance - The largest
 Average attendance is St. Marys with 10 tea-
 chers & 1 Assistant having 715 Registered &
 an average attendance of 592.

The Smallest School is Campbell Road
 24 Registered & 16 average pupils

- Primary St. Patricks Male 102 Reg - 90 Av
- " St. Marys Female 114 " - 85
- " Bruns. Street - " - 103 " - 63

The average of Registered pupils to each tea-
 cher is 72 the average attendance to each is 47

Many of the schools are supplied with
 patent furniture - The 3 Mile - Campbell Road
 Richmond - Zion - Poor House - Colonial - and
 Inglis still remain in unsatisfactory condi-
 tion - The furniture of Zion School is the worst
 in the City. Mr. Goosely returns 97 Names and
 an average of 45, he is doing a good work &
 should be encouraged. Is it not possible for the
 Board to put good furniture into the Rooms
 now occupied? Furniture placed in these
 can be transferred to the new School houses
 without much difficulty. The outlay therefore
 is merely a question of time Not of expence

Richmond School will soon remove
 into the new School House.

The Room of the Colonial School is
 not a suitable place for Children to be assem-
 bled in - but as you are compelled to use it
 for a time, it would be well to have two rough
 partitions put costing but little and making
 the Room capable of accommodating 170 pu-
 pils. Now less than 100 attend.

The Room of the primary Department
 for Boys in St. Marys school should be partition-
 ed giving each teacher one Room and one grade
 of pupils, the present room is sufficiently large
 and the Law makes a difference between assist-
 ants and subteachers by giving only two thirds
 the amount of public money to the former that

one!