

I have the satisfaction, in my yearly report on the condition of the several schools under my charge in the township of Belleville, to state that a more than usual interest and care have been manifested during the past year, by all under whose care they have been placed. All the schools, six in number, have been continued open during the year, with the exception of a short interruption in the Franklin district consequent upon the removal of the school from their old to their new house, a very commodious building, erected during the past season by the energy of the inhabitants of the district, for which they deserve much commendation, they as yet not being very strong. The building is a neat structure of wood, two large rooms, a lower and upper, well arranged, and placed on a beautiful site, well chosen for air, convenience and retirement. Their school shows what enterprise, well directed, can do. We have noticed throughout the township more interest in the cause of common schools, greater attention on the part of the trustees, and a consequent greater punctuality on the part of parents and children. On the whole we may report a healthy state of our schools, and progress in the good cause. As near an estimate of all our matters as we have been able to make, will be found in the circular furnished by the department. It was our intention, during the past season, to have solicited a visit from' our State Superintendent, but circumstances with us seemed to suggest that a postponement to a future season would be advisable.

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Town Superintendent.