

REPORT BY W. HAMILTON ESQ., B.A.  
Chief Inspector, 5.8.10.



Spent 2 days in observing his work in the schools and his method of lecturing to teachers. Quiet, gentlemanly, tactful. Deals pleasantly and efficiently with pupils and teachers. Knows his subject well, and his views command respect. Has done very stimulating and successful work in his present position.

(Supervisor of agriculture) 90 v.g.

Report by W. Hamilton Esq. B.A. 2.1.3.11

Very good as to knowledge of his work and as to power to stimulate teachers and pupils. His methods are very good and applied with skill. Organizing power very good. Very zealous and hard-working.

90 v.g.

**PRIVATE REPORTS BY INSPECTORS.**

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Mr. Insp. [unclear]  
Great benefit from Supervisor's visits to schools and exact and scientific work has resulted.

Mr. Insp. **Mr. Inspector Curlewis, 11.12.02.**

Supervisor has rendered <sup>u</sup> ~~alternance~~ <sup>u</sup> and keeping abreast of the times; interested in his work. 88. V. Good.

Mr. Insp. [unclear]  
Supervisor has stimulated teachers where he has visited.

Mr. Insp. **Mr Inspector Curlewis, 30.6.03**

A more definite aim is visible in his work; diligent; possesses <sup>u</sup> the long run prove beneficial. Shows an intelligent interest in his work; diligent; possesses the faculty of neatness and order and a sense of beauty.

<sup>h</sup> Shows superior skill in teaching and management and keeps excellent discipline. Mr. McLennan's visits have been helpful in suggesting <sup>u</sup> purpose of the experimental 90. V. Good.

Mr. Insp. [unclear]  
Supervisor's visits and suggestions as regards direction and stimulus **Mr Inspector Eddy, 16.5.07.**

Continues to teach and manage his school in a meritorious manner. His zeal, aptitude and industry for zoological, botanical, and agricultural pursuits are specially commended. Mr. Insp. [unclear] to visiting district helped the work very much. He increased the number of schools and would like him to visit my schools were I 91. V. Good.

Mr. Insp. Dew:  
Mr. McLennan's notes are clear and concise, and have been helpful to teachers. My teachers have received useful hints from him when he has visited their schools.

Mr. Insp. [unclear]  
Mr. McLennan is doing good work in getting teachers to like the subject.

EXTRACTS FROM OPINIONS OF INSPECTORS.

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- Mr. Insp. Saxton: (*Beuchworth*)  
Great benefit from Supervisor's visits to schools; more exact and scientific work has resulted.
- Mr. Insp. Dooley: (*Kerang*)  
Supervisor has rendered valuable assistance where he has visited.
- Mr. Insp. Park: (*Castlemaine*)  
Supervisor has stimulated teachers where he has visited.
- Mr. Insp. Jackson: (*Whitthusa district*)  
A more definite aim is noticeable in schools visited by Supervisor. The excellent suggestions made by him must in the long run prove beneficial.
- Mr. Insp. Cross: (*Bunala district*)  
Mr. McLennan's visits have been helpful in suggesting general scope and purpose of the experimental work.
- Mr. Insp. Long: (*Kyneton & Doreford*)  
Supervisors' visits had good effect as regards direction and stimulus.
- Mr. Insp. Cavanagh: (*Geelong district*)  
Mr McLennan's visits to Geelong district helped the work very much. He increased the knowledge and enthusiasm of the teachers -- making their efforts have system and plan. I would like him to visit my schools more frequently.
- Mr. Insp. Dew: (*Bendigo dist.*)  
Mr. McLennan's notes are clear and concise, and have been helpful to teachers. My teachers have received useful hints from him when he has visited their Schools.
- Mr. Insp. Stephenson: (*Shepparton Dist.*)  
Mr. McLennon is doing good work in getting teachers to like the subject.
- Mr. Insp. Davey: (*Sale & Mansfield*)  
The supervisor's visits have been of a useful and practical character; they have been too few and far between.
- Mr. Insp. McOwan: (*Seymour, Mansfield dist.*)  
The supervisor has given a good impetus in the Seymour district.
- Mr. Insp. Rowe: (*Warragul dist.*)  
Supervisor's visits have been helpful and welcome.
- Mr. Insp. Betheras: (*Warrambul dist*)  
The work has been influenced for good by the visits of the supervisor.



National Herbarium,

South Yarra, Aug 25. 1908

I have great pleasure in certifying to Mr. J. P. McLennan's knowledge of Field Botany both from personal knowledge in joint field work & from other evidence. Mr. McLennan is one of the representatives of the Education Department on the Plant <sup>Names</sup> Records Committee of the Field Naturalists Club which is engaged in preparing a list of common names for the Victorian Flora & in collecting plant records. Membership of this Committee is restricted to known & tried botanists.

(Signed) Alfred James Swart.

D. Sc. Ph. D., F. L. S.  
Government Botanist & Professor  
of Botany in Melbourne University.

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Pathologist's Branch,

Melbourne, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1908

I have known Mr. M. Lennan for a number of years as a keen student of Botany. He possesses an intimate & first-hand acquaintance with our native flora & he has paid attention to the various weeds which are the bane of the agriculturist. He has taken a special interest in the diseases which affect plants, particularly those caused by fungi & he has often brought under my notice diseased specimens which showed him to be a close observer of nature.

A knowledge of plant life is now, more than ever, necessary for the successful agriculturist & Mr. M. Lennan not only possesses the knowledge but has the faculty of imparting it in an interesting & thorough manner

J. M. Alpine

*to return*

Victorian Department of Agriculture,

(ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH).

CROWN LAW OFFICES,

LONSDALE-STREET,

Melbourne,

27/8/1908.

Dear Sir,

I am glad you intend applying  
for the position represented in your  
letter. I am an enthusiastic  
lover of Natural history, botany,  
Entomology &c, combined with  
a good knowledge of both, &  
any recommend, then you  
should certainly stand high up  
amongst Applicants in matters  
where there may be. I wish  
you every success, and hope, one  
of these days, to resume our book-  
collecting & ambling as of old.

Yours truly,  
E. French.

Govt. Entomologist.

J. P. McLeeman

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Please return.  
J. P. McLenahan

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34 THE PARADE,  
ASCOT VILLE

FIELD BRANCH,

Melbourne, 7 July 1900

J. P. McLenahan Esq  
Supervisor of Agriculture  
Education Department.

Dear Sir

During my recent inspections in different parts of the State I have been very much struck with the good work that is being carried out at Country schools in the way of experimental work. My work in preparing various kinds of seeds & manures from this Department is made very much lighter when I see the influence you are exerting in the teaching of Agriculture in State Schools. I feel sure the parents of the children must appreciate your enthusiastic work, as I understand you are responsible for a good deal of this success.

Yours faithfully  
J. M. B. Connor

AGRICULTURAL SUPERINTENDENT

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*The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria,  
Equitable Building, Collins Street,*

TELEPHONE 1739.

THOMAS PATTERSON,  
SECRETARY.

*Melbourne, 4th January, 1911.*

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. J. P. McLennan has for some years organized and arranged the State Schools' Exhibits department of this Society's Show, and has made quite a success of that section of the Exhibition.

Mr. McLennan also has a good general knowledge of Victorian rural conditions.

*Thomas Patterson*  
Secretary.

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