

year are to be raised by the Board to 5 cents on the dollar. We cannot help contrasting this rate with ours in Toronto, which is only 4½d in the pound, or *one cent and three quarters* in the dollar! It is this low rate which cramps the energies of our schools and keeps them in poverty.—*Mirror*.

— AN EXCELLENT LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT, A LIBERAL ACT.—Captain Skene, who was appointed Local Superintendent of Schools for the township of Amherst Island in the spring of 1862, has, besides discharging the ordinary duties of his office, done much to promote the cause of education in his locality. At the end of last year he purchased, at his own expense: some sixty or seventy volumes of good books, which he awarded as prizes to the most deserving pupils in the different schools; and the township Council this year seconded his generous efforts by granting a sum of money for a like purpose. The result has been a larger attendance at all the schools; besides, what is of more importance, a wholesome rivalry among the scholars. We do not mean to say that education is in a backward state in the township, for it is at least equal to what it is in most other rural localities, though indifference in the matter may be observed in one or two sections. Some of the Trustees evince a desire to procure good schools, and they have succeeded to some extent; but if all parties would follow the example of Captain Skene, many of the obstacles which impede the school system would be removed.—*Kingston News*.

— A NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE IN ETOBICOKE.—The new school-house in school section No. 1, township of Etobicoke, was opened on the 30th ult., in an appropriate manner. The building is superior to most common school buildings in the country. It is of brick, and is large and commodious, being constructed in the best school architecture, and it is well provided with school furniture. It is altogether one of the best in the county of York and it reflects credit upon the zeal of the trustees and the mechanical skill of the builder, Mr. D. Edgar, of Hamilton. On the day mentioned there was a large gathering of the people of the township at the opening. Mr. Edward Musson, reeve of Etobicoke, was called to the chair, and Mr. James Irwin appointed Secretary. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Mr. Pattison, after which the missionary hymn and several popular pieces of music were sung by an efficient choir led by Mr. Burgess. Then followed some creditable recitations by the pupils of the school, and after these short speeches were made by the chairman, and Messrs. Scott, Noble, Van Every, Pattison and Irwin—all of whom were listened to with much attention and pleasure. Resolutions of thanks were then unanimously passed to the trustees, the contractor, Mr. Burgess for his musical services, and to the chairman; and the national anthem having been sung the assemblage separated.—*Leader*.

— WOODSTOCK SCHOOLS—ERRATA.—In the Chief Superintendent's Annual Report for 1862, page 139, the following errors have occurred in transcribing and printing the remarks of Henry Silvester, Esq., chairman of the Board of School Trustees: The words, "in a few places, where there are first-class teachers only, children have been educated at a less annual cost from municipal taxation than in this town, viz., \$2.21 each," should read as follows: "*in few places where there are first class teachers only, have children been educated,*" &c. The words printed "Silvester" and "inimicable," should have been "*Silvester*" and "*inimical*."—[Ed.]

— DALHOUSIE COLLEGE, HALIFAX.—The Professorship of Classics in the University of Dalhousie College, Halifax, has been conferred on Mr. John Johnson, B. A., of Trinity College, Dublin, Classical Master of the High School of McGill College. Dr. Lawson, of Queen's College, Kingston, has also been appointed to a Professorship in the same College.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

— ROMAN CATHOLICS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—It is understood that at a meeting of the Roman Catholic nobility and gentry, held in England lately, the question was vigorously discussed as to the advisability of sending the youth of their families to Oxford at the approaching term. Dr. Newman strongly counselled this step, which was as strenuously opposed by others. The balance of opinion however, was in favour of the movement, and, in consequence, several Roman Catholic families are about to send their sons to matriculate at Oxford.

— A GEOGRAPHICAL GARDEN is being made in Paris. Mount Blanc, 15 feet high, is the *point de depart*, and the face of Europe, with real miniature seas, rivers, railways, &c., will be represented in the same proportion. The seas will have artificial tides moved by steam.

IX. Departmental Notices.

NORMAL SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.

The present Session of the Normal School will terminate on Dec. 22nd. The next Session will commence on January 8th. The allowance of \$1 per week will be discontinued hereafter.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, SCHOOL MAPS, &c. &c.

The Chief Superintendent will add *one hundred per cent.* to any sum or sums, *not less than five dollars*, transmitted to the Department by Municipal and School Corporations, on behalf of Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Public Library Books, Prize Books,* Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams, to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required. In all cases it will be necessary for any person acting on behalf of the Municipal or Trustee Corporation, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books, &c., to be sent, can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERSHIPS.

The Committee of Examiners appointed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, meets in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the last Monday in June and the first Monday in January of each year. Candidates are required to send in their names to the Chairman of the Committee one week previous to the day of examination.

SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools have also been sent to the County Clerk, and will be supplied direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Clerk.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

A TEACHER holding a First-Class Normal School Certificate (GRADE A.), who has taught four years, is desirous of obtaining a SITUATION.—Address (stating salary), "J. D., Teacher, University College, Toronto."
Toronto, Nov. 28th, 1863.

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