

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

CANADIAN.

The Public Schools of the Province responded, after the summer vacation, last Monday, the 18th instant.

Our exchanges almost unanimously speak of the severity of the mathematical papers at the third-class teachers' examination.

The old high school property at Listowel is to be sold as soon as a fair price can be got. The new building is almost completed.

A new school has been erected at Stewarston, Ottawa, and was opened for the first time last Monday with an attendance of seventy pupils. The school is under the charge of Miss Hailey.

The first prize at the recent examinations of the College of Pharmacy was awarded to Mr. W. M. Karm, of Woodstock, who obtained 100 marks out of a possible 115. Mr. Karm was self-taught.

Out of the army of candidates who presented themselves for the recent intermediate and second-class certificates examination, 150 received grade "A" and 370 grade "B" certificates.

It is said that Mr. Dickenson, Principal of the Stratford High School, intends resigning his position in consequence of some disparaging remarks made by the Inspector and a Mr. Reed, and that a lady principal is spoken of as his successor.

The International Educational Conference, held at the Thousand Island Park, N.Y., last week was very successful. Among the Canadians who took part were Principal McCabe, of the Ottawa Normal School, and Inspector Hughes, of Toronto.

The St. Catharines *Daily News* says that the Collegiate Institute of that town stands second in the Province in regard to the recent intermediate examination, having passed 92 per cent. of those sent up. The total number of successful candidates being thirty-one. It is understood to be the intention of the Minister of Education to raise the standard for second-class certificates, that for the intermediate remaining the same.

The Sydney (Ont.) teachers were paid by cheques of the County Treasurer on the Consolidated Bank on the 25th day. A "Victim" writes to the *Daily Ontario* before the fact and blaming the County Treasurer for depositing in the bank the money which was due to the teachers. Surely no blame ought to be attached to the treasurer when "Victim" and his companions had six days to get the cheques cashed and the notes changed before the bank closed, and were in just as good a position as anybody else to know the state of the bank's affairs.

The report of Mr. J. H. Knight, Inspector of Public Schools, East Victoria, to the Public School Board, resulted in a resolution, that as certain irregularities had taken place at the recent examination of third-class teachers in the county the attention of the Minister of Education be called to the same, &c. The irregularities spoken of are certain resolutions grouping subjects said to have been caused by the examiners after the papers had been examined and the results known to themselves. This is emphatically denied by John Shaw, one of the examiners, over his own signature, in the *Lindsay Post*.

The examinations for entrance into the College of Physicians and Surgeons opened in Ontario last Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. About fifty candidates presented themselves. The examiners, Mr. A. McMurtry and A. P. Knight, rectors of the Toronto and Kingston Collegiate Institutes, respectively. Mr. McMurtry examines in arithmetic and philosophy, and Mr. Knight in classics and English. The number present themselves is small, and very few of those who were rejected last year have come forward again. No doubt the high standard which has recently been acquired has deterred many.

The Welland *Tribune* says the new High School property, when completed, will cost about seven thousand five hundred dollars, or nearly two per cent. of the total assessment of the town, and nearly half the amount of the town debt. The *Tribune* points out the fact that at the last session of the Legislature a law was passed taking away from R. S. Trustee the power to incur indebtedness of this sort without consent of the municipal council. We cannot agree with the *Tribune* in this. It is just such a spirit as that displayed by the editor, who, for the sake of a few dollars, refuses to contribute to the erection of a new school of education, of which a good school house is a fair indication. The Trustees are to be congratulated on their progressive spirit. They have erected a very handsome building, which is a credit to their town.

The Montreal *Journal of Commerce* has been considering in a series of articles "What Education is of most value?" and in its last issue discusses the results to children in their physical, moral and mental ability of unwise and ignorant parental training. The evil of formal instruction, "as it is termed, is nowhere more apparent," it is pointed out, than in the disregard manifested for that which is intellectual progress is of necessity the concrete to the abstract. We find highly abstract subjects, such as grammar, which should come quite late, begun quite early. Political geography, dead and uninteresting to a child, and which should be appended to sociological studies is commenced before, while physical geography, comprehensive and appealingly attractive to a child, is in great part passed over.

Dr. Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education, is now visiting the Parry Sound and Muskoka districts with a new report to the Minister of Education on the condition and prospects of education there. He has held a series of conferences at Parry Sound in conjunction with Mr. Switzer, Visiting Inspector, and Mr. Miller, Inspector of West Huron, and a convention of the friends of education and school trustees at that village. The Muskoka district will be visited next week.

It is anticipated that great good will result from the official inspection as well as the recognition that the Education Department is thus giving of the importance of the educational interests of those outlying and newly-settled townships.

FOREIGN.

The Chicago *Educational Weekly* in its "Editorial Notes" spells programmes "programs."

Rev. E. D. Huntly, D.D., LL.D., has been appointed President of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis.

The University of Michigan has established a chair of Science, Literature and Art. The first incumbent is Dr. Fred. Wm. H. Payne, for ten years Superintendent of Public Schools in Adrian, Mich.

It is said that Mrs. Augusta Webster, author of "Portraits," and several other well-known volumes of poetry, is to be a candidate for the Chalmers and Gordon Lectureship for the year 1902.

The number of scholars in average attendance at the British Elementary Schools last year was 2,405,107. The average attendance at the Church of England or National Schools was 1,588,028. The Wesleyan 351,785, at the Roman Catholic 126,306, and at the Board 558,073.

George Combe's ideas and writings on education are tolerably familiar to most of our readers. Mr. Jolly, H.M. Inspector of Schools, London, England, has recently collated and edited the more important of his works in which his individual theories are put before us. One of Combe's points of reform was the recognition of physiology as holding an important place in education, not only physiology, but the biology of the mind, by which latter expression he meant simply phrenology. As to the education of women he pleaded for giving them a real and solid education, including such knowledge of the laws of human life and health as would fit them to bring up children. He agreed at making education not only compulsory and unsec-