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County Council.

The doings of the County Council this week which effect particularly this part of the county are as follows:

The Bridge Act, of the Local Government last session was accepted, and application to be made to have the Simpson Bridge, Gaspereau, and London Bridge near Hantsport built under this act

The report of the committee on the proposed new road to mud creek for access to the proposed new pier accepted.

Distribution of Provincial Road Monies to be same as last year.

Relief of labor granted to J. Alfred Elderkin.

No action to be taken against road surveyors who made no returns etc. for the last year.

Assessors notified to meet at the Court house in Kentville on Nov. 2nd. to receive books, papers, and instructions.

Regulation of last meeting in reference to "cattle at large" rescinded and a new regulation made allowing cattle to run at large in that part of Ward 7 being east and south of the lower end of Gaspereau as far west as the Duncanson Hollow, thence southerly up the mountain by the Laurence Davis house, thence south past the John Fuller house to the township line.

Jas. S. Morse, T. L. Dodge and George Harvey to be trustees of school lands in Horton.

Resignation of Fred Curry as returning officer for Ward 9 presented and laid on the table.

George Harvey, collector, allowed 4 per cent in place of 3½ per cent as voted at last meeting.

J. L. Franklin to be street commissioner for Wolfville, vice, W. J. Burgess removed from district.

The mind is like a chest of tools, of little value to its owner, until the uses of its contents are known.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The semi-annual examinations in the various departments of the Public School were held this week. The examinations show that a great deal of careful work has been done during the term. The teachers certainly deserve great credit for the efficient way in which they have taught, and the result must be highly gratifying to them. One thing is very apparent. The parents of the scholars don't care whether the children get along or not, or else they take it for granted that as they are paying the teachers to do a certain work it will be done. We have arrived at this conclusion from the fact that in the three departments not more than three heads of families put in an appearance. Allowing that they take the latter view of the case we will venture the opinion that not very many of them would care to let any other class of workmen go on with a job for six months without going near them to see how they were getting along.

Really parents, it is a disgraceful state of affairs. When an examination is held at the larger institutions in which nine tenths of you have no earthly interest, away you rush eager to get there first. When the little humble public school holds its examination and the results of which should be and are of immensely more interest to you than the first, you wilfully or conveniently forget when it is to be and don't get there at all. You can have no reasonable excuse for staying at home. The welfare of your children, and duty demands that you should go. Let us see when the next examinations take place, each and all of you on hand to encourage your children and to encourage the teachers.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Pineo's school was examined on Monday afternoon. A very interesting part of the afternoon's entertainment was the distribution of prizes, a number of which had been offered by persons interested in the progress of school. It was stated by Mr. Pineo that the competition for these prizes had been very close, and that in some instances much difficulty had been experienced in deciding to whom they should be awarded. A prize offered by Caldwell & Murray for perfect attendance was won by Mary Murphy. Prize offered by Mr. Witter in arithmetic was won by Lillie Burgess, honorable mention being made of Charley Paine. Prize offered in arithmetic by Mr. Pineo was awarded to Jessie Brown, honorable mention being made of Moran Hemmeon. Prize offered by Mr. Hoare for improvement in writing was awarded to Rebecca McDonald. Prize offered by Caldwell & Murray for highest average in all branches studied was awarded to Lillie Burgess. After the prizes had been presented,

and while Mr. Pineo was making a few remarks in reference to the school, Miss Rebecca McDonald advanced, and with the following address, presented him with a splendid large Photograph Album.

A. J. Pineo, A. B.

Dear Teacher:—As the the time for parting has come we feel bound to express the high appreciation in which your labors on our behalf have ever been held, and the deep sorrow we entertain that the relations which have hitherto existed between us as teacher and pupils must terminate.

During the eighteen months in which you have been Principal of this school we have noted with pleasure the earnest spirit in which you have ever striven for our welfare. Not only have you faithfully executed the work properly belonging to this department, but you have ever been willing to give your time and talents in teaching and illustrating whatever seemed for our advantage; and though, perhaps, our advancement has not been so marked as you had hoped, or as we think the thoroughness and earnestness of your work would merit, we nevertheless believe that in many ways we have been greatly benefited and that your influence for good will be felt longer and more variously than you anticipate.

We ask you to accept this slight token of our appreciation and love, and trust that, to whatever ends your talents may in the future be directed, the same success will follow as, we feel assured, has in the past.

(Signed by all the pupils.)

Mr. Pineo was completely taken by surprise but expressed his thanks in a few well chosen words.

In the

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT presided over by Miss Parsons, the following prizes were presented:

By G. H. Wallace for excellence in the first class to Clifford Jones. By John W. Wallace for excellence in second class to Belle Patriquin. Also by Mr Pineo for the best average in the pass class examination to Lewis Bishop.

PIERIAN SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

The Entertainment by the Pierian Society of Acadia Seminary came off according to announcement. As usual the night was "cold, and dark, and dreary; It rained and the wind" did not seem to grow weary to any appreciable extent. However in spite of the weather the audience was a fairly large one and the entertainment was, if possible, a little in advance of previous ones in point of merit. All the pieces were well rendered Miss Maggie Bishop, of the village, ably and splendidly sustaining our local reputation. We append the programme in full.

- PROCESSIONAL MARCH: Wedding March [Mendelssohn. Misses Campbell and Potter.
- READING: Peter Long-Pocket. Miss Carrie Kempton.
- INSTRUMENTAL DUET: Overture to the [Bronze Horse, Auber. Misses Holley and Rogers.
- READING: A Stray Child. Miss Kate Dickie.

- VOCAL SOLO: Where is Heaven? Marti. Miss Ermie Day.
  - READING: The Newsboy's Debt. Miss Fannie E. Cox.
  - VOCAL SOLO: Meeting by the Brookside [Willard. Miss Hattie E. Wallace.
  - READING: Relief of Lucknow. Miss Carrie S. Holley
  - INSTRUMENTAL DUET: Sonata in D, Diabelli Misses Rand and Eaton
  - READING: The Painter of Seville, Miss Beth Rogers.
  - VOCAL SOLO, When the Tide Comes In, [Willard. Miss Hitchings.
  - READING, How the Old Horse won the Bet Miss Maggie J. Bishop
  - VOCAL DUET, Trust Her Not, Balfe Misses Hitchings and Wallace
  - Reading, The Fifer and Drummer of [Seituate Miss L. Eva Andrews
  - Vocal Solo, Der Wanderer, Schubert Mme Cernu
  - Reading, Selection from David Copperfield Miss Hattie Wallace [field
  - Piano Solo, Cujus Animam, Rossini Miss Lizzie C. Hill.
  - Chorus, Cradle Song, Tanbert Misses Gourley Campbell, Day, Kempten, Hill, Cox, Rand, Higgins, Bishop, Marshall, Rogers, Holley Wallace.
- GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.  
Laura E. Hart, President.  
Grace A. Porter, Sec'y.

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