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PERSONALS.

Mr. J. W. Graham, formerly teacher in the Lindsay Schools, has been promoted to be head master of the Collingwood Public Schools.

Mr. Arthur A. Clappe, of Ottawa, has been appointed musical instructor for the Sarnia Schools, at a salary of \$300 per annum.

Mr. Cassidy, who received nearly two hundred marks more than any other candidate at the recent First Class Teachers' Examination, is on the occasional staff of the Toronto Public School Board.

Mr. W. Colles has been appointed Principal of the Morrisburgh Model School.

Notes and News.

ONTARIO.

Listowel High School has over ninety pupils on the roll

A teachers' professional library is to be established in Berlin. Mr. Oberholtzer has been appointed librarian.

Four of the Toronto Public Schools were enlarged during the vacation.

The services of the Mathematical Master and Book keeping Master in the Ottawa Normal School have been dispensed with. This is owing to the fact that the Toronto Normal is equal to the task of training all candidates for first class certificates who present themselves. The training of second class teachers can be efficiently performed by the reduced staff.

The calendar of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School of Toronto is just out. The School is in affiliation with the University of Toronto, and its students are required to attend such lectures as the Faculty may require. There are now fifteen students attending the School, which has just been incorporated. The Lord Bishop of Toronto is Visitor, and Rev. J. P. Sheraton, B.A., Principal.

Many schools have established Museums of Natural History, &c. A high degree of interest may be evoked in them, and by them; and much information given by the collections made.

The following contributions have lately been made to the museum in Woodstock:—A collection of fossils from the neighborhood of Woodstock, by Messrs. Abner and Ralph Trotter; specimens of field coral brought in by Dr. Jones as a present from Miss Jane McQuarrie; a collection of Canadian flora, named and classified by Mr. Hugh Wilson, P.L.S.; a coin and peculiar specimen of rock, by Mr. John Rogers; a collection of shells and agates, by Mrs. J. Reid.

The Brantford Collegiate Institute was opened formally at the beginning of the term with appropriate ceremonies. The citizens take a great interest in their Institute.

The following quotations from the report of Mr. J. Johnston, Inspector of Schools in South Hastings, will be of interest.

SALARIES.

Trustees and ratepayers are not slow to appreciate the services of energetic teachers, and they are always willing to pay them well.

The highest salary paid male teachers in Sidney...\$500 00

Average salary 450 00

“ “ female 280 00

Highest “ male, Thurlow..... 500 00

Average “ “ 413 00

“ “ female, “ 275 00

Highest “ male, Tyendinaga 475 00

Average “ “ 415 00

“ “ female, “ 260 00

Highest “ male, Hungerford..... 550 00

Average “ “ 389 00

Highest “ female, Hungerford.....\$240 00

“ “ male, Trenton..... 500 00

“ “ female, “ 350 00

Average “ “ 275 00

Highest “ male, Mill Point..... 550 00

Average “ female, “ 300 00

Highest “ male, Separate School 500 00

It is sometimes stated that our school system is expensive, but I think the reverse is true, as the following will show: taking all the children enrolled on the registers, the cost per head of the whole division, including Trenton and Mill Point, is \$5.12½; being 7½ cents per pupil less than the previous year.

Since my connection with the schools in 1871, no less than forty-eight houses have been built, the grounds fenced, and all the schools are well supplied with tablets, maps and blackboards.

To have good schools, we must have good teachers; for without these the youth of the country will not receive that thorough training necessary to fit them for the important duties of after life. Everything that can be done to raise the standard of teaching, and improve the young and inexperienced teacher, should have from the intelligent people of the country that encouragement it deserves. As the meetings of the South Hastings Teachers' Institute have done much to improve the teachers, they are still continued.

I wish I was able to report greater care in keeping in good condition the grounds and outbuildings of many schools. In some sections this is carefully attended to, but in many there is lack of proper attention to cleanliness in the school-room and premises.

I hope the trustees will in future endeavor to beautify the grounds by planting shade trees. This has been done in a few sections, to the gratification of the teacher and scholars.

The next meeting of the County of Ontario Teachers' Association will be held at Uxbridge on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Dr. McLellan will be present both days, and give a public lecture on the evening of the 17th.

QUEBEC.

No little inconvenience has been already caused and hardship suffered in the matter of education, as well as of other interests, by the present dead-lock in the Government of this Province. The meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, which should have been held on the 4th September, for the appropriation of the annual grants to Universities, Colleges, Academies and Model Schools, had to be indefinitely put off, because the Legislative Council refused to pass the Supply Bill. The grants from the Fund for Superior Education are made annually, and paid to the Institutions entitled to them up to the 1st of July in each year. The annual returns from such Institutions for the Scholastic year ending 1st July are laid before the Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, and after a careful examination of these as well as of the Inspectors' returns the grants to the several Institutions for the past year up to said date are determined by the respective Committees, Catholic and Protestant. The grants for Superior Education have of late years been paid about the 1st November, but in the present state of matters there is reason to fear that the payments cannot be made before the new year. The Common Schools are similarly affected by the dead-lock.

In McGill University the matriculation examinations as well as those for Exhibitions and Scholarships in Arts and Applied Sciences were held from the 16th to the 19th September inclusive, and the lectures in these departments began on the 22nd of the same month.

In the Board of School Commissioners, Montreal, the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, late Chairman, has been replaced by the Rev. Canon Norman, the position of Chairman being not yet filled.

In the High School for boys, Montreal, the Rev. Mr. Raxford has been appointed assistant head master, while Mr. R. W. Boodle, B.A., Oxon, is elected one of the assistant masters and Dr. Haas takes the place of Mr. Fuchs as teacher of German.

In the High School for girls, Montreal, Mrs. Thrower has been appointed teacher of vocal music in room of Dr. Davies, who has left the city, while calisthenics have been put under the able direction of F. S. Barnjuma, Esq.

A new Protestant Dissident School is going to be erected in Hochelaga at a cost of about two thousand dollars, the material to be brick, and the dimensions such as to be sufficient for the people for a long time to come. As the present lot is too small, the purchase of an adjoining piece of ground is contemplated, and, if secured, will furnish abundance of yard and exercise ground for the children.

The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers for the Pro-