

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



Ministry of Public Instruction.

BOOKS SANCTIONED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Council of Public Instruction at its meeting of the 10th ult., sanctioned the use of the following books in the Schools of the Province of Quebec. This sanction was confirmed by His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, by a minute in Council on the 16th ult.

- 1o. Syllabaire, for Elementary Schools only, by Messrs. Juneau and Lacasse, Quebec, 1868.
 - 2o. Traité de chimie agricole, by Dr. Larue, Quebec, 1868.
 - 3o. Traité d'analyse grammaticale, by Mr. Napoléon Lacasse, Quebec, 1867.
 - 4o. Grammaire de Bonneau et Lucat, revised by M. Michaud.
 - 5o. Traité de l'art épistolaire, Sorel.
- These last four may be used in Model and Elementary Schools.
- 6o. Nouveaux éléments de la civilité chrétienne, for Elementary Schools only, C. Delagrave & Co., Paris.

H. H. MILES,
Secretary to the Council.

NOTICE.

In view of the new postal law making *unprepaid* letters liable to nearly double postage on delivery, all letters or documents, addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Public Instruction, must be prepaid.

JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.

QUEBEC, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, JULY, 1868.

Mr. Whitworth's Scholarships.

We would beg to direct the attention of our readers and all friends of education, especially technical education, to the official circular, reproduced in our pages from the columns of the *Canada Gazette* of 11th inst., on Mr. Whitworth's Scholarships.

Technical education has been a prominent topic with the British Public for some time, but more particularly since the Paris Exhibition, where the stern logic of facts gradually dispelled the illusion that the British workman was in his own line unrivalled. There he discovered that the superiority lay on the side of the continental workman.

Very soon those interested in the disclosure began to cast about for a remedy.

At length there has come a definite practical recognition of the importance of improving the education of British workmen. It ought to be, beyond doubt, a national burden since it is the national welfare that is ultimately at stake.

No doubt it will devolve on the masters to take the initiative of which Mr. Whitworth has the credit of having set the first example of bold munificence. The sum represented by a yearly interest of £3,000 *stg.*, is a princely donation to any cause, and deserves a civic crown.

Not less praise worthy is the care with which Mr. Whitworth has considered the problem how to expend this money to the best advantage, or the judgment he has shown in his decision.

His breadth of view equals his munificence, for he includes India and all the British Colonies, advantage of which we earnestly hope our Canadian youth will avail themselves.

CIRCULAR.

MR. WHITWORTH'S SCHOLARSHIPS.

Copy.

Downing Street.

30th May, 1868.

SIR,—At the request of the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, I have the honor to inform you of the endowment by Mr. Whitworth of certain Scholarships for Mechanical Science. As will be seen from Mr. Whitworth's Memorandum, Science Form, No. 293. } he proposes that "Thirty Scholarships of South Kensington, } "£100 each should be open to all of Her Majesty's Subjects, whether of the United Kingdom, India, or the Colonies, who do not exceed the age of Twenty-six years, and be held either for two or three years, as experience may prove to be desirable."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

The Viscount Monck,
&c., &c., &c.

SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Mr. Whitworth's Scholarships for Mechanical Science.

At Whitehall, the 5th day of May, 1868.

By the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education.

My Lords read Mr. Whitworth's letter of 4th May, 1868, transmitting a memorandum on his Scholarships and on the establishment of sixty Exhibitions of £25 each for the present year, preparatory to the competition for his Scholarships, and requesting that the Science and Art Department may conduct the necessary examinations and correspondence.

Their Lordships have great pleasure in acceding to Mr. Whitworth's request, and giving every assistance in their power in carrying out his patriotic munificence.

Manchester, 4th May, 1868.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of March 28th, by which you transmit me a copy of the Minute which the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education had passed in acknowledgment of my endowment of Scholarships for promoting Mechanical Science, and to the concluding sentence of the Minute, which invites further suggestions and offers to render assistance in carrying out the intentions of the endowment:

1. I beg leave to enclose for the information of the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education a memorandum on the subject of the endowment which I trust will meet with the approval of their Lordships, and that they will cause it to be circulated, and the necessary correspondence arising out of it to be conducted by the Science and Art Department.

2. I would beg leave to ask the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education to undertake the examinations for these Scholarships.

3. As respects the preparation of the necessary details for the examinations in the use of tools, I am willing to be responsible myself with the aid of friends, and I propose to obtain the consent of a few gentlemen to advise with me from time to time in whatever may arise in the future for my consideration.

4. In reply to the invitation of their Lordships to submit any suggestions, I venture to submit for consideration whether honours in the nature of Degrees might not be conferred by some competent authority on successful students each year, thus creating a faculty of Industry analogous to the existing faculties of Divinity, Law, and Medicine. I am of opinion that such honours would be a great incentive to exertion, and would tend greatly to promote the object in view.

5. I venture to express a hope that the Government will provide the necessary funds for endowing a sufficient number of Professors of Mechanics throughout the United Kingdom.