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The Lindsay *Warder* speaks in glowing terms of the prospects of Omemeo High School. The former buildings of this school were destroyed by fire last year, but through the efforts of the Board of Education in the village, liberally assisted by other residents, new and handsome buildings, the best in that part of the country, have been erected. The *Warder* compliments the new Head Master, J. A. Tanner, M.A., very highly.

The next meeting of the Elgin Teachers' Association will be held Oct. 8th and 9th. Dr. McLellan is to be in attendance, and an interesting programme is promised.

The attendance at Whitby Collegiate Institute is larger than for many years. The same is true of the Institute at Galt, and we believe, of several others.

Ingersoll and Ridgeway High Schools expect soon to attain to the rank of Collegiate Institutes.

Mr. Armstrong, late Principal of Durham Public and Model School, is now Principal of the Orangerville Public School.

Mr. J. D. Bissonette, M.A., Principal of Dundas High School, receives \$1,000 a year, and Mr. Kennedy, Principal of the Public School in the same town, \$850.

The opening of the new school building at Omemeo was celebrated a week or two since with a public meeting and a banquet. Dr. McLellan, Col. Deacon, and several other prominent gentlemen were speakers at the former and guests at the latter. The school promises well under the management of Mr. J. A. Tanner, M.A.

Elgin Teachers' Association meets on the 8th and 9th of October. The following subjects will be discussed. Those whose names are connected with the different subjects will lead in the discussion:—"The A B C of Arithmetic," "English Grammar and Reading," Dr. McLellan; "Science of Education," Mr. A. F. Ames, B.A.; "Orthoëpy and Orthography," Miss Steele; "History," Mr. N. M. Campbell; "Geography," Mr. W. E. Orton; "How to Secure and Retain Attention," Mr. J. W. Edy. On the evening of the 8th Dr. McLellan will lecture on "Education in Ontario."

The St. Thomas Board of Education have decided that it would be inadvisable to hold municipal and school elections on the same day.

The Oshawa *Reformer* says that the pupils from Oshawa High School, obtained more second class certificates at the recent Examinations, than were awarded to the pupils of any High School in this section of the Province.

According to the estimates made by the Public School Board, the town will have to levy a rate sufficient to raise the sum of \$1,585 for all school purposes, over and above the following receipts: \$167 received from Government, \$171.25, Clergy Reserve interest, and \$526.75 from the School Section in Trafalgar, adjoining the town of Milton. Total required for school purposes \$2,800.—*Milton Champion*.

Mr. J. M. Kenneday, who has been business manager of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL retires, and Mr. J. L. Robertson has accepted the position.—*London Free Press, Sept. 24, 1885.*

At the Teachers' Convention in Toronto, the Public School Section in Committee of the Whole discussed the proposed regulations, and resolved to recommend the following changes. By comparing with the regulations as published, it may be seen to what extent their recommendations were adopted:—

1st. That a regulation should be introduced requiring that the space allotted to play-grounds in cities, towns, and villages bear a certain proportion to the size of the school.

2nd. That every stairway in a school-house shall be at least six feet wide, and have no curvature—a square landing to make a turn not to be considered a curvature.

3rd. That the regulation in reference to "area to pupil" be so amended as to read, at least 20 square feet on the floor.

4th. That regulation No. 7 be altered as follows:—The seats should be so arranged that the pupils may sit facing the teacher, and have the light coming in on the left and rear, and they should not seat more than two pupils.

5th. That in regulation No. 4, the words "half a dozen" be struck out.

6th. That a set of drawing models be added to the school apparatus.

7th. That regulation No. 22 should end.—"and a suitable supply of proper drinking vessels should be furnished by the trustee board."

8th. That in first class programme under writing "or paper," be added.

9th. That the arithmetic for third class should be: greatest common measure, least common multiple, reduction, compound rules, vulgar fractions, and mental arithmetic.

10th. That the arithmetic for the fourth class be: vulgar fractions continued, decimal fractions, elementary percentage, interest, and mental arithmetic.

11th. That in fourth class grammar that the word "easy" be substituted for the word "simple" in simple sentences.

12th. That the history for the fourth class be, the leading features of Canadian history and one period of English history, to be changed from time to time.

13th. That in fourth class geography, p. 9, principal railways be substituted for "railway systems."

14th. That after paragraph 4, Duties of Pupils, the following be inserted, "and then only with the consent of the teacher."

15th. That graduates, in order to qualify as Public School Inspectors, shall have not less than five years' experience in teaching, three of which shall have been obtained in a Public School.

16th. That presiding examiners at Departmental examinations, and members of County Boards of Examiners other than Inspectors, should be selected from teachers actively engaged in the profession.

Literary Chat-Chat.

A biography of Charles Darwin, the renowned, is to be published the coming winter. Mr. F. Darwin, his son, is the author.

Baker & Taylor of New York, are about to publish a new twenty-five volume edition of the Waverley Novels.

Edward Greay has translated another Japanese romance, and will shortly publish it under the title "A Captive Love." Lee & Shepard are the publishers.

A number of the friends of Walter Whitman recently surprised him with the present of a handsome horse and phaeton.

Correspondence of great historical value has been discovered by a French savant to the State Library at Monaco. In the archives are many documents of the greatest interest, as well as some 20,000 letters, including many written by successive Kings of France, and by Richelieu, Mazarin, Catherine de Medicis, Louvois, Calvert, and Montaigne.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have just issued tasteful and cheap editions of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and "The Scarlet Letter."

The London *Dramatic News* claims to have discovered another poem by Robert Burns, before unknown. The poem is entitled "Youth."

In the October "Century," the space commonly taken up with the War Series has been devoted to articles and illustrations relating in a timely and important way to the life and services of General Grant. Other illustrated articles of the October number are Lieutenant Schwatka's second and concluding paper on his explorations in Alaska; Mrs. Lizzie W. Champney's description of "The country studios; and Mr. Howell's "Tuscan Cities," illustrated with Haunts of American Artists," profusely illustrated with pictures of numerous etchings by Pennell.

St. Nicholas for October completes the current volume. This number contains the usual variety of interesting, clever and amusing pieces, and brings to an end the two fascinating serials "His Own Fault," and "Driven back to Eden."

Miscellaneous

MY OWN FOUR WALLS.

THOMAS CARLYLE.

The storm and night is on the waste,
Wild through the wind the herdsman calls,
As fast on willing nag I hasto
Home to my own four walls.

Black tossing clouds with scarce a glimmer
Envelope earth like sevenfold palls;
But wifekin watches, coffee-pot doth summer,
Home in my own four walls.