

**PROGRAMME.—Friday, November 1st—10 a.m.,** Object Lessons, Mr. Somerville; 11, "How to Make Country Schools Attractive," Miss Foster; 11:30, Roll Call, Financial Report, &c. 1:30 p.m. "School Discipline," G. W. Ross, M.P.; 2:40 p.m., Provincial Association—Report of Delegate, Mr. Boyle, 3 p.m., "Time Tables, Registers, Reports, &c.," Mr. Moran; 4 p.m., General Discussion, Evening Session—7:30 p.m., Public Lecture, Town Hall, "Elements of National Power," G. W. Ross, M.P. **Saturday, November 2nd—9 a.m.,** Question Drawer Answers, 9:30, Incidentals of Teaching, Miss Smith, 10, Competitive Examinations, Mr. Sanderson, 11, Address to Teachers, G. W. Ross, M.P., 12, General Business.

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The semi-annual meeting of the above association will be held at the Court House, Kingston, on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd November, 1878.  
**PROGRAMME.—Friday, November 1st—11 a.m. to 12,** Business Meeting; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Arithmetic, Mr. Sumner; 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., A Reading with Discussion, Mr. Bolo; 3:15 to 4 p.m., Geography to Beginners, Miss Woodard; 4 to 5 p.m., Irregular Attendance, Mr. T. Bridge; Evening, 7:30, Public Lecture, **Saturday, November 2nd—9 a.m.,** Incidentals, Address, Prof. Dupuis; 10 to 11 a.m., Elementary Composition and Letter Writing for Primary Classes, Mr. D. Robb; 11 to 12 m., Question Drawer—Grammar, Mr. S. Woods; Discipline, School Management, &c., Committee; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free hand Drawing, Prof. Dupuis; 2:30 to 3, Selection of Time and Place for holding next meeting, &c.

The meetings will be open to the general public and all persons interested in the cause of education are cordially invited to attend. All persons who intend to be present are requested to prepare themselves to take part in the discussion of the subjects brought before the Association. The committee trust to secure the services of an eminent gentleman for the public lecture, but they are unable, at present definitely to announce it. S. Woods, Esq., M.A., has kindly consented to answer questions in grammar through the medium of the Question Drawer.  
N. F. DUPUIS, President. J. W. HENSTRIDGE, Sec'y-Treasurer.

**NORTH HASTINGS TEACHERS' CONVENTION.**—The first semi-annual meeting of the North Hastings Teachers' Association was held in the new school, Madoc, on 3rd and 4th prox., and was a splendid success in every respect. Nearly every teacher in North Hastings was present, and many friends of education from all parts of the county. At 10:40 a.m. the Association was called to order, Inspector Mackintosh, President, in the chair. Mr. Curtis, of the Madoc Model School, delegate to the Teachers' Provincial Association, made his report, and the Association then adjourned, to meet at 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m., Mr. Curtis proceeded to discuss the II class Grammar paper of July 1878. He fully analyzed the different extracts, parsing the more difficult words and handling his subject in an able manner. The Hon. A. Crooks, Minister of Education, and Dr. McLellan, M. L. D., now entered. An address from the Association to the Hon. Mr. Crooks was read by the Secretary, Mr. Curtis. The Minister of Education, in his reply, referred to the progress in education indicated by the erection of such a fine school house in the village of Madoc; expressed his great pleasure at meeting so many teachers from the different parts of the county; recognized Mr. Inspector Mackintosh's peculiar fitness for such a county as this, and concluded an eloquent address amidst loud applause.

Mr. J. W. Rodgers, Principal of the Stirling Public School, then read a thoughtful and exhaustive essay on "How to teach Reading."

Dr. McLellan then took up "Algebra," and prefaced his discussion of this subject by a few remarks. He said it gave him great pleasure to be present at the opening of this fine school; thought that school houses like this one in which they were assembled should have an opening celebration. He then proceeded with the subject of algebra, giving the teachers many useful hints and splendid methods of the more difficult factoring, &c.

On the morning after, Miss Cowie read an able essay on "Method of teaching oral lessons."

Short speeches on the subject were made by Inspector Mackintosh, Mr. Curtis, Inspector Johnston and Mr. Thompson.

"Methods of teaching writing," by Mr. Merton, was then introduced. He read an instructive paper on the subject, which was followed by general discussion.

Mr. Thompson then read an essay on "How to teach History," which was characterized by Prof. Dawson as the best essay he had ever heard read at an institute.

In the afternoon, Prof. Dawson took up the subject of "English Literature." He cordially approved of the introduction of this subject into the course of the studies for third class teachers; showed that its tendency would be to encourage a more extensive reading of the best English authors among us Canadians; if properly taught it would enable the children to appreciate the beauties of the best authors; warmly defended Lord Byron against the slanders of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, and concluded an able discussion of the subject amidst applause.

Short speeches on the subject were also made by Inspectors Johnson and Mackintosh, Dr. McLellan, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Thompson.

Dr. McLellan followed with the important subject of "Arithmetic," which he discussed with his usual great ability.

On the evening of the 3rd, the Hon. Adam Crooks gave a lecture in the Presbyterian Church, which was crowded by the elite of Madoc, and all the teachers attending the Association.

A. F. Wood, Esq., was called to the chair. He made a few appropriate remarks, and concluded by reading an address on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the village of Madoc, to the Hon. the Minister of Education. The Hon. Mr. Crooks, after a suitable reply, delivered an able lecture, in which he touched upon the progress of education in Ontario, and an-

nounced that Ontario had been awarded a gold medal of the highest class for her splendid school exhibit at the Paris Exposition. At the conclusion of the lecture, Dr. Boulter, M.P.P., gave a speech in his usual happy style, and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Crooks, which was responded to by the whole audience rising to their feet.

The evening of the 4th was principally occupied by Dr. McLellan, who delivered an able and eloquent address in his best style, which was frequently applauded.

HALTON held its half-yearly meeting at Acton, Sept. 27th, 28th and 29th. The chair was occupied by the President, R. Little, Esq. Various subjects of interest were brought before the teachers; Grammar and Composition, by John McNabb Malcolm; School Discipline, by Rev. D. B. Cameron, of Acton; Geography for Advanced Classes, by the President; and Hygiene, by Dr. Lusk. Uniform Promotions, by Mr. H. Cameron; this question was earnestly and warmly debated, and at last laid on the table for further consideration.

Dr. McLellan was present and delivered his excellent lecture, "This Canada of Ours." He also showed how to teach Arithmetic to junior classes, afterwards solved several apparently difficult problems on the analytic method. R. Lewis, of Toronto, gave a very interesting lecture on "Reading, and how to teach it." A. Macallum, of Hamilton, delivered a very instructive lecture on the "History of Education in Ontario."

An entertainment was given on Friday evening, 28th, at which the people of Acton rendered very valuable aid. Proceeds, about \$20.00. About sixty teachers were present, and at the close all went to their homes feeling they had been fully rewarded for their attendance at the meeting. All the teachers were accommodated with free homes by the kind people of Acton. Next meeting will be held at Georgetown, Feb. 27th and 28th, 1879.  
ROBERT LITTLE, Esq., President.  
Lowville, Oct. 7th, 1878. R. COATS, Secretary.

**EAST MIDDLESEX TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The regular meeting of the above Association was held in the County Hall, London, on the 18th and 19th prox. Mr. J. Dearness, President, in the chair. The Management Committee reported that the receipts of the Association during 1877 had been \$388.07, and the expenditures \$283.92, leaving a balance in favor of the Association of \$104.15. The Library Committee reported that there were 389 volumes in the library; that no additions have been made during the past year, and recommended the purchase of several scientific works. Mr. Noble Dickie took up "Short Methods in Arithmetic," and explained a number of valuable hints. Mr. Dearness and Mr. Hart, of New York city, followed by explaining others which many were unacquainted with. Mr. Alex. McMillan then ably discussed "Incentives to Study." Messrs. Dearness, Hart and Eckert followed in a few remarks on the same subject. Mr. Hands next took up the subject "How to Teach Chemistry." He favored experimental chemistry, as the best means of obtaining a full knowledge of the subject. The first subject under consideration on the second day was "Canadian History," by Mr. Alex. McQueen. He said Canadian history was a subject to which very little attention had been paid heretofore. As we had no good text book on the subject, it became the duty of the teacher who expected to teach it successfully to arrange the leading facts so as to be easily understood. The teacher should instil into the youthful mind a spirit of patriotism, and by this means create a desire for its study. He would commence by asking them to draw the national flags of Canada and Great Britain, and by this means they would become interested. He divided the subject into two parts: 1st, Canada under the French, from 1497 A. D. to 1760 A. D.; 2nd, Canada under the British, from 1760 A. D. to the present time. These he again subdivided into two and four divisions respectively. The several subdivisions were arranged in tabulated form, showing the principal events and leading features in each.

The next subject, "Geography," was taken up and ably handled by Mr. D. W. B. McKay.

Mr. Carson, of the Model School, next dealt with that very important subject, "Map Drawing." He divided his lesson into seven parts, taking up the leading features under each head. He adopted the plan of allowing one pupil to draw out line maps on the blackboard, while the others were at the same work at their seats. He taught but few facts at a time, and those thoroughly.

Mr. J. Houston, M. A., took up the subject "English Literature, particularly that of Milton." He divided Milton's works into three divisions, viz:—Epic, and Dramatic. He arranged the divisions in a tabulated form, setting forth the different subdivisions under each. He divided the subject for the purpose of teaching into periods and sub-periods, dates, life, works and influences. A clear and accurate description of a number of the characters, together with a splendid analysis of the whole subject, was given.

The last subject on the programme, "Mensuration," was ably treated by Mr. Wm. O'Connor, M.A., of London High School.

**DURHAM.**—The County of Durham Educational Association held its semi-annual meeting in Bowmanville, on the 4th and 5th October. Friday forenoon was spent in arranging for the Competitive Examinations.