

spoken of, we can heartily endorse the words of the *London Advertiser*, when it says that Mr. McMichael has "proved himself to be a perfect gentleman in his intercourse with his pupils and with society, a consistent Christian, and a most thorough, painstaking and successful teacher." We sincerely hope he may be speedily restored to good health.

The following items about the Chatham Separate Schools will be read with interest. The total number of pupils on register, 340; boys 140, girls 200; pupils in 1st reading book, 144; in 2nd reader, 50; in 3rd, 61; in 4th, 64; in 5th, 21; number of pupils in spelling and dictation, 250; number in writing, 400; in arithmetic, 340; in geography, 226; in vocal music, 200; in grammar and composition, 115; Canadian history, 13; English history, 16; general history, 12; domestic economy, 180; book-keeping, 5. The trustees visited the school twelve times during the year, and there were forty other visits. The boys' department is under the control of two male teachers. The principal holds a 2nd class provincial certificate, and the assistant holds a diploma from the Jacques Cartier Normal School, Montreal, and from McGill College. The female department is under the control of the nuns of the Ursuline Convent.

Rev. Mr. Mulvany, of the *School Examiner*, delivered his lecture on "Three Types of English Literature," at Pickering College, before a large audience, in spite of the storm which drifted the roads. He visited the various departments of the College and was pleased to observe the excellence of the arrangements and the courtesy of all connected with the College.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Board of School Commissioners for Halifax city has filled the vacancy in the chair of Mathematics and Science in the high school by the appointment of Alexander McKay, Esq., for the past ten years Principal of the Dartmouth high school.

At a meeting of the Dartmouth town council, called to consider the subject of Mr. McKay's resignation, his honor the Warden expressed, in the strongest terms, the regret of the community at losing so faithful and successful a Principal of their public schools. Councillor Russell, in moving that Mr. McKay's resignation be accepted, took occasion to refer to the long period of his service, his educational zeal, his organizing faculty, his sound scholarship and remarkable skill in imparting knowledge. Other councillors spoke to the same effect. Mr. McKay's mathematical and scientific attainments are of a high order.

In the death of Mr. McMillan, teacher of the highest department of the public schools of the town (below the Academy), the school system of Pictou has suffered a serious loss. Mr. McMillan was confessedly one of the best teachers in the province, and Pictou Academy owes somewhat of its fame in later years to the excellent preparation which its students received while in his (preparatory) department.

At the Christmas entrance examinations of the Halifax high schools there were twenty candidates for Honor (or Free) scholarships, of whom eighteen were successful.

Arthur W. Armstrong, A.B. (Acadia, 1879), has left the select school at Port Hawkesbury, C.B., and assumed the Vice-Principalship of the Horton Collegiate Academy.

A very full and interesting meeting of the Senate of the University of Halifax, was held on the 29th and 30th of December. The Chancellor, the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, D.C.L., delivered an exhaustive address, dealing most fully with the present status of the university, and its prospects for the future. Want of space prevents us from giving more than a bare summary of the arguments alleged. A statement in full was given of the services rendered to education by the University of Halifax, and its claim to be the central examining body for the various colleges of the province. This was criticised by Messrs. Reid, Ambrose, Ross and others, to whom D. Allison replied. We hope to give a fuller account in our next issue.

We would refer our readers to the advertisement of Dalhousie College and University, Halifax, N.S., which offers attractive Exhibitions and Bursaries for competition at the winter sessions of 1881, 1882 and 1883. These have been presented by Geo. Munro, Esq., of New York, U.S., and should be a stimulus to candidates.

Quite an interesting discussion, or controversy, has sprung up in the Halifax papers on the "Higher Education" question, originated apparently by the address of the Chancellor of the University of Halifax.

Dr. McGregor, Professor of Physics in Dalhousie College, has published in the *Herald* and *Mail* an elaborate series of letters

discussing almost every phase of the college problem. He takes ground against an examining university, and outlines a scheme for the consolidation of King's and Dalhousie Colleges. Rev. Dr. Sawyer has called in question the accuracy of one of the Professor's allusions to Acadia College.

Prof. Smith, of Sackville, has published several letters in reply to Prof. McGregor's series.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The new edition of the "Manual of the School-law of New Brunswick," has recently been issued by the Education Department and distributed to trustees and others. It contains chapter 65 of the consolidated statutes, relating to schools, with the acts of 1878, 1879 and 1880 in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and also the revised regulations of the Board of Education, accompanied with references and remarks, as heretofore.

James Hannay's "History of Acadia," which is supplied to the teachers of New Brunswick by the Board of Education at \$1.00 a copy, has been republished in London, England.

On Thursday, the 13th of January, according to statute, the annual school meetings were held throughout the country. So far as known, the results were favorable, the districts generally voting sums adequate for the support of the schools. In many districts there were expressions of satisfaction in reference to the rank assigned to their schools by the Inspector on his annual visitation.

In reference to the special claims of teachers, who, during the year ended Oct. 31, 1880, taught in two different districts, and whose schools were in consequence not ranked by the Inspector in both terms, the Board of Education has allowed such teachers a claim for bonus either according to the rank received by the school under his charge at the time of the Inspector's visit, or according to the rank assigned to the school taught by him during the other half-year, as may be most favorable to the teacher. Of course this applies only to the year past, as hereafter the regulations already quoted in the *JOURNAL* will be in force.

Through some failure on the part of the Inspector for Dist. No. 6, some schools were not inspected last year. In view of this fact, the Board of Education has ordered that such teachers shall be entitled to bonus according to the rank that may be assigned to them or their school when first inspected.

The coming session of the Legislature will be held in the Normal School building, at Fredericton, as last year. During that time, a portion of the classes will be accommodated, as well as circumstances will permit, in the old stone barracks, now the "Reform Club" building. This will subject the instructors and the student-teachers to great inconvenience, but it appears to be unavoidable.

MANITOBA.

The total number of children, from the ages of five to fifteen years inclusive, in the 113 Protestant school districts from which census returns were made, was 5,631. The school population in all the Protestant districts is estimated at 7,000, and there are several settled localities in the province not as yet included in school districts.

All the teachers in the city schools have been re-engaged, with the exception of Mr. P. C. McIntyre, who has retired from the profession. His brother, Mr. W. A. McIntyre, takes his position, the salary being \$800 per annum; and Mr. E. A. Ganatt, who, at the last examination headed the list of successful candidates in the second class, has been chosen to fill Mr. W. A. McIntyre's position as the third male teacher, at a salary of \$700. The head teacher, Mr. J. B. Ferguson, gets \$1,000, and the female teachers \$480 each.

Mr. A. J. Belch has just resigned the position of Chairman of the Protestant Board of School Trustees for the City of Winnipeg, on account of having to take charge of the Dominion Lands' office at Birtle, N.W.T. He has filled the position in a very admirable manner. Mr. Stewart Mulvey, Collector of Inland Revenue, has been unanimously elected to the vacancy. Mr. Mulvey, who came to Manitoba as an officer in the Red River expeditionary force, in 1870, has been a school trustee in the city since the organization of the Public School system in 1871. No man has done more to bring the city schools up to their present prosperous condition than Mr. Mulvey. For the past five or six years he has been one of the most zealous and efficient members of the Provincial Board of Education.

There are twenty applicants for the position of Inspector of the city schools. The appointment will probably not be made until after the trustee elections, which take place on the first Tuesday in February.