

## Educational Intelligence.

## UPPER CANADA.

**Victoria District Common Schools, 1849.**—Compiled from the Report of the District to the Chief Superintendent:—No. of Schools, 112; average time open by qualified Teachers, 8½ months each; amount paid Teachers, £2,580 18s. 0½d.; No. of Pupils, 4,595—of boys, 2,523—of girls, 2,072; average attendance of pupils, in summer, 2,591—of boys, 1,374—of girls, 1,217; in winter, 2,757—of boys, 1,598—of girls, 1,159; No. of Children of School age, 8,844; Common School Libraries, 3; Vols. therein, 225; Sunday School do., 17; Vols. therein, 1,636; Public do., 2; Vols. therein, 200; total libraries, 22; total Vols. therein, 2,361; School visits by Supt., 133; by Clergymen, 49; by Councillors, 26; by Magistrates, 40; other visits, 358; total visits, 605. No Superior or Private Schools reported. The Superintendent remarks:—"Upon comparing the present with last year's Report, you will observe a very great improvement; for though the School population has increased only about five per cent. the number of scholars in attendance exceeds *twelve and a half* per cent.; and the increase in the use of the National books is many hundred per cent. Wherever the Trustees are fortunate enough to procure a Normal School Teacher, or one having a knowledge of the system pursued at the Normal School, we see great energy and a spirit of emulation infused among the scholars, conducing greatly to their happiness, and the Schools are consequently well filled and regularly attended. The value of the Normal Institution is beyond all price; and if you never did any other good in the world as a public man than establish that school, and place it upon its present most effective position, you would deserve the lasting gratitude of your fellow-countrymen. The old Act is infinitely superior to the Common School Act of last Session, and was becoming well understood and very popular where the County Superintendents were zealous and efficient. It required very few amendments."

**Brock District Common Schools.**—Errata in last month's summary, page 28: For "Grammar Schools," &c., read, Grammar Schools, 1; Pupils therein, 40; Private Schools, 3; Pupils, 75; total Grammar Schools, &c., 4; Pupils therein, 125; total Educational Establishments, 140; total Pupils therein, 6,913. Average attendance at the Common Schools, in summer, 3,245—of boys, 1,715—of girls, 1,530; in winter, 3,239—of boys, 1,962—of girls, 1,277.

**Mount Elgin Industrial Indian School.**—We are happy to say that the buildings have been completed and considerable improvements made on the farm. The building and appurtenances will cost from twelve to £1500, and will be capable of affording accommodation for a large number of Indian youths, who will be taught in the School, the various branches of an English education, and upon the farm the practical parts of agriculture. The farm consists of 200 acres. About the middle of May the School will be formally opened.—[Christian Guardian, 20th March.

**Industrial Indian School at Alnwick.**—The Industrial School at Alderville is in successful operation. About sixty Indian boys and girls are being taught. Certain hours each day are spent in the school, and other hours are spent by the boys on the farm, while the Indian girls spend an equal number of hours in acquiring a knowledge of domestic economy.—[Ibid.

**The New School House, Town of Brantford,** was opened on Monday last for the reception of pupils. A large number of pupils was received, and short addresses delivered by Dr. Digby and others. We learn that a more formal opening will take place at some period in the next week, when D. Thorburn, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Pat. Thornton, Esq., and several other gentlemen from the neighbouring towns, are expected to be present, and take part in the proceedings.—[Herald, 6th March.

J. L. Hughes, Esq., late Second Master of the Colborne District Grammar School, has been appointed Head Master of the Brantford School. The Peterboro' Weekly Despatch observes:—"We sincerely participate in the regret felt by almost every one in this town, interested in the cause of education, that the means at the disposal of the Trustees are too limited to enable them to offer such inducements to Mr. Hughes as would justify him in declining the liberal offer he has received from Brantford.—He will take with him, when he leaves Peterborough, the good wishes of many warm friends, and the grateful regards of all the youth whom he has had under his care. Many too who have known Mr. Hughes, in other capacities—as an active and able Magistrate, and as a most efficient and laborious member of the late District Council, in which he held a seat from its first organization, till within the last year, will deplore the loss of a prominent and useful member of our community."

**The Opening of a New School in Brantford.**—The new School, according to announcement, was opened on Thursday last. The

Rev. Egerton Ryerson, Superintendent of Education, who was expected on the occasion to address the meeting, was unavoidably detained; but an able substitute was found in his stead in the person of John Willson, Esq., M. P. P., of London, who delivered an excellent address on Education. Mr. W. is a clear, distinct speaker, very happy in his address, and commands the attention of his hearers. David Thorburn, Esq., P. Thornton, Esq., the Rev. Messrs. Winterbotham, Lightbody, Byrne, and others, addressed the meeting effectively, with speeches replete with interest. P. C. Vanbrocklin, Esq., our worthy Mayor, presided as Chairman, and discharged the duties which devolved upon him in a highly creditable manner. The School room, (sufficient to hold, we should suppose, three hundred children) was crowded with a respectable and attentive audience. We were pleased to see such a large number of children present, and we trust the advice directed to them by Mr. Willson and others for their guidance, may not be lost; but that they will treasure it up, and act upon it, and in after life they will have no reason to regret that they have followed their advice. Obedience is the great thing! Unless a boy is obedient to his teachers and parents he need never expect to do any good in after life. On this his future welfare mainly depends. The edifice is large, and neatly constructed, and reflects much credit on the builder, Mr. Mellish. It is an ornament to that part of the Town in which it is placed.—[Courier, March 16th.—[On Friday evening the Chief Superintendent of Schools also delivered an address on Education in Brantford.]

**Schoolmasters' Meetings, Gore District.**—At an adjourned meeting of the Teachers in the Gore District, held in the City of Hamilton on the 2nd ult., Resolutions to the following effect were passed:—That the Schools in Cities and Towns should be conducted as provided for by the Cities and Towns School Act which was so unceremoniously repealed last Session. That Trustees should be empowered to provide for the entire of the Teacher's Salary (including the public money) either by fees or rate bill quarterly: That rural Trustees be invested with similar powers, adding "voluntary subscriptions" to their means of raising the balance of the Teachers' salary: That Superintendents be selected by Township Councils from "persons who are, or have been, practically engaged in teaching": That Superintendents alone should grant Certificates: That Trustees should be personally liable, should they neglect to provide legally for the Teacher's salary: That the people, not Trustees, have power to dismiss a Teacher for any cause whatever: That Schools should be publicly examined half yearly: That the Provincial Board of Education should be composed in part of practical Teachers: That no alien be a Teacher: That separate Schools be not public Schools: That a Normal School is expedient; and that information which has already appeared in this journal "be disseminated." A meeting of Teachers was also held in Dumfries, at which Resolutions very similar to the foregoing were passed.—[Condensed.

**Free Schools, Town of London.**—The School Trustees of this town were induced to appeal to the inhabitants for an expression of opinion in regard to the course to be pursued towards the maintenance of the School recently established here. Meetings were held in the different Wards for that purpose, on Tuesday evening last. In St. Patrick's Ward a motion for taxing the inhabitants to support the School, and rendering it free to all, was passed by a large majority. At St. Andrew's the following was passed by a large majority:—"That all persons on the Assessment Roll for this Ward ought to be taxed to support the Common Schools of this Town, as Free Schools." The views expressed at the meetings in the other Wards were much the same as the foregoing.—[Times and Free Press, 7th and 8th March.

**Ingersoll Grammar School.**—The Board of Trustees have appointed Mr. O. Bartley of Woodstock, as Teacher of this School. He is an excellent classical and mathematical scholar.—[British American, 9th March.

**University of Toronto.**—At an open meeting of the Convocation on the 23rd inst., the Hon. Chief Justice Macaulay was elected Chancellor, but refused to act, Mr. L. W. Smith, B. C. L., Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Geo. Crookshank, Esq., Member of the Caput. The several Faculties of the University have elected the following Deans:—Faculty of Arts: Rev. Dr. Beaven; Law, S. Connor, Esq., LL. D.; Medicine, Dr. Nichol.

**Common Schools, City of Toronto.**—The Board of Trustees of Common Schools in this City, have issued a tariff of charges for pupils, for the present year, varying from 3s. 9d. to 6s. 3d. per quarter; they have been compelled to adopt this course under existing circumstances, but, we regret to hear, a very great falling off in attendance is anticipated in consequence, particularly among the poorer children.—[Patriot.