Full Text of the Principal's "Ecply" to the Inspector,

The following lengthy communication was crowded out by more important mattar last week :-

PRINCIPAL S REPORT.

GODERICH, Hct 1, 1885. To the Chairman and Members of Goder-ach Public School Board.

submit a report in reply to the charges instructions to examiners enjoining implied in your Inspector's report, rethern to examine more strictly than implied in your Inspector's report, re-ceived at the last meeting of your Board. At the outset, I wish it to be distinctly ceived at the last meeting of your Board.
At the outset, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I recognize the necessity of having a report from your Inspector, who has a legitimate right to report at who has a legitimate right to report at parison, though not erroneous, is most any time upon the condition of each and misleading, and could not be better any time upon the condition of each and misleading, and could not be better every department of the schools under known to be so to anybody than to your Inspector. Now, as to the facts. The Inspector's report is, not so much his statements of facts, as it is his unfair been preparing candidates for the en-

In the first place, Mr. Miller makes the statement that the percentages for promotion should not be lowered at the caprice of any teacher. This is equivaent to saying that the assistant teachers and send them up for examination. The chances are they will pass a little properties of the caprical send to saying that the assistant teachers. dictated to me my course in the matter.

It will be enough for me to say that they did nothing of the kind. As to my taking the step without consulting Mr.

Will of heart to assistant teachers and the matter. In the chances are they win pass a large percentage. But your Board will see how manifestly unfair it is to compare the results of such a process with the results of the examination of my Miller, I have to say that his consent is class, which I have been honest enough nor at all necessary—the limit table of studies is a matter to be arranged between the Principal and the Board, and consequently all transfers from one class erich Model School with those of to another are subject to the rules Exeter, where the class trying for governing such arrangement. I notified the Board of my change in the percentages, and the Board adopted my 2nd and 3rd class examinations. I that point. As to the expediency of changing the percentages, I may offer my opinions, which are founded, not upon caprice, but upon my professional experience. First, a strict adherence to a certain percentage would invariably with a content of the foregoing. Last December I did not a certain percentage would invariably with a content of the school one year. 2d At the High ment to pupils prepared by the late Principal for preparation for the entrance examination 21 for preparation for the entrance examination 21 wrote, of whom only 7 were successful, i.e., 333%. The former 6 had been in the school but little over 3 months; the latter 21 had been in the High school one year. 2d At the High ment to pupils properly qualified. I sperience. First, a strict adherence to send up my class as a whole. Mr. certain percentage would invariably Miller walked into my room on the last deplete or overcrowd one or more de day of school and told the whole class to partments. Second, as a consequence go up for examination, when I knew of such depletion or overcrowding, that there were at least 30 in the class "shoving" has to take place at the beginning of the ensuing term. Third, tion. Yet Mr. Miller's report implies that this gives parents an opportunity of I sent up 57 candidates and passed only complaining of partiality. Fourth, it 12, whereas if he had not been allowed does not secure the promotion of all the best pupils. Now, "shoving" is a lowering of percentages, and I find by looking over the promotion book that at granted 19 High School certificates to as a constant of the control of the con almost every examination conducted by your Inspector, he has been compelled other hand, the late Principal very pupils, and in some cases has "shoved" undeserving ones. There-fore both courses are identical so far as by your Inspector are not percentages of changing the percentages are concerned, the late Principal's whole class. Therehas "shoved" undeserving ones. Therefore both courses are identical so far as but the results are unequal; and I claim that adapting the percentages to the wants of the schools is the correct principle. As to the difference of methods in marking spelling in the Ward and Principal as a percentage of only a part Central schools respectively, I have to of his class. This is a specimen of your say that the foundations of good spelling Inspector's unfair comparisons. Again, where the greatest degree of accuracy in | 3 of the present year, I recommended ward schools I partially agree, but I that last examination. deem it just to give you my reasons for much of what is inefficient in their conduct. In the first place, the efficiency duct. amount of supervision exercised over them by the officer appointed by your Board for that purpose. It is a recognized principle in the proper conduct of schools that much depends on the amount of schools that much depends on the amount of the increased in the proper conduct of schools that much depends on the amount of the increased in the comparison of the increased number of subjects, as also that much depends on the amount of the increased number of subjects, as also for the greater difficulty of all the subjects.

There is one exception, viz., December, 1879, the number at which examination would have been recommended an candlates passing on the total but failing on the total but failing on the total but failing on the increased number of subjects, as also for the greater difficulty of all the subjects.

There is one exception, viz., December, 1879, the number at which examination would have been recommended an candlates passing on the total but failing and character of the inspection. But I have been unable to ascertain. schools there has been no inspection worthy of the name. Teachers as a worthy of the name. Teachers as a consequence do not feel the full weight of their responsibility, except at the apan examination, which at the best can give only an approximate idea of the school's condition. If inspection were constant and frequent, a constant, and not spasmodic, interest on the part of teachers would be the result. If the Inspector were required to spend at least a half day in each month or so in each of the ward schools, I am confident that beneficial results would follow In such visits the Inspector could illustrate methods of teaching, give valuable hints on management, and to a great extent direct for the better the operations of each department. If teachers were then neglectful of duty, they could be counselled privately by the Inspector,

I now come to that part of your Inspector's report reflecting on the management of my own department. As I Mr. Miller reported upon it ! your Board to draw the proper inference, and although the entrance examination 6, 63.

your school, been made: 1st, Drawing has been made a compelsory subject in entrance examinations; 2nd, Orthopy has been added; (these two subjects involve two hours' additional work per week); 3rd, the character of English grammar and English composition has been changed, and these subjects have been made more difficult; 4th, the character of English history has been changed, and has been made much more difficult than formerly; 5th, formerly the maximum marks were 560, minimum No. of marks 280-now the maximum marks are 750, minimum No. marks 375, so that formerly a pupil passe GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to 6th, High School inspectors have issued methods of comparison and his unwar; trance examination, and when they rantable deductions from those facts do carry on such work their classes are

many candidates from my class. On the rarely sent up his class as a whole, and fore, you will see that while your Inspec be laid in the primary classes, at the last examination, held July 2 and

each mispelt word in the case of senior classes. With some of Mr. Miller's rement has granted 19 High School certimarks respecting the condition of the ficutes to as many of the candidates at Having shown your Board that Mr.

> NO. OF CANDIDATES PASSED. 1877. 1878. 1879. 1880. 1881. 1892.

Average, June examinations, eight years, 16; December, 21.

understand the instructions given by above computation the results of the expapers a little more fiberally?

your Board, Mr. Miller was asked to amination of July, 1884. At that expapers a little more fiberally? your Board. Mr. Miller was asked to report upon the condition of the schools as evidenced by the promotion examination. Now, the entrance examination is not a promotion examination. So far as the subjects extend, it is practically a fifth class examination, and should not be a criterion of the standing of the fourth class. At present it is quite equal, so far as it extends, to the unusual size of the class and to the unusual size of the class and to the unusual promotion made at the examination of the symmetry the recommended. The cause of the unusual size of the class and to the unusual size of the class and to the unusual promotion made at the examination. fourth class. At present it is quite equal, so far as it extends, to the 3rd class examination of some years ago, and should not be made the foundation for criticising the standing of any fourth class. But Mr. Miller made an examination of my class, the results of which he not even mentions, Why of which he not even mentions, Why of which he not even mentions. Why than 41 new pupils were promoted to the is this? Instead of reporting on that room subsequently taken charge of by examination, he has preferred to report me, while a number were shoved. Now, upon an examination, some of the papers there was no need of passing such a large number, and a large proportion Mr. Strang examined half the papers: were utterly unqualified to take up the what does Mr. Miller know about the work for entrance examination. The correctness of that examination? But lower rooms were not crowded, as the there was a chance of that examination's following numbers will show. The being difficult. Was this the reason that numbers in such rooms in December, I leave 1883, were as follows: Room No. 2, 49; ference, No. 3, 46; No. 4, 41; No. £, 50; No. These numbers disprove the

Your Board will observe that the romotion of 1883 was a most unusual principal's room was not out of proportion of the all populs going up at the July examination following must have been but one term in my room, a condition which, coupled with the fact that many of the class were unfit for my room, a condition which, coupled with the fact that many of the class were unfit for my room, No. OF PUPILS IN PRINCIPAL'S ROOM FROM 1877 rendered success at that examination almost impossible. I had to do extra work in order to bring the class to that standard of efficiency required in a fourth class. But, supposing that that class were fit for my room, let me present the results of the two entrance examinations
—Dec., '83, and July, '84,—in another

Dec., 83, 35 passed out of 38, or 92 per cent. July, 84, 7 " " 35, " 20 " Now, if the latter class were fully qualified to take up entrance work, let me ask any candid person if in his opinion the difference in teaching would produce such an enormous difference results. I think the answer would be in the negative. I have said, though, that I paid extra attention to that class therefore, there are only two alternatives to take—one, that that class was very strictly examined in July, 1884, or that the pupils were still very deficient. Mr. H. I. Strang stated in a letter before your Board last January that the pupils sent up by the late Principal were on the whole better prepared than those sent up by me. As to the truth of that statement I submit the following facts; 1st. At the High School promotion examination of December, 1884, 6 candidates passed by me July, 1884, wrote the practice has continued. for promotion; 5 were successful, i. e., 833%. At the same examination 21 of selecting the most precocious pupils School one year. 2d At the High School promotion held in June, 1885, 18 of the 19 candidates passed by me Dec., 1884, were promoted, along with the remnant of the class passed by the late Principal in Dec., 1883. The latter had been in the High School one year and a half, the former but six and has mastered it to the extent attain-

been recommended for entrance. 24 for the most precocious pupils, but for the dull and backward ones. While I have been striving to maintain this principle, your Board must not forget that my burdens in other directions have were recommended, but only 4 were passed by the Education Department. One candidate received a special recommendation and was passed, making a total of 19 certificates issued by the Department. The class as a whole obtained in geography 53%; composition, 52%; grammar, 48%; drawing, 54%; arithmetic, 54%; spelling, 46%; liverations of the composition of the composi and the standing of the candidates in except that it secures better results, these subjects is somewhat higher.
But the latter subjects are matters of fact, while the former are matters of opinion. I leave to the schools is clearly traceable to the want of schools is clearly traceable to the want of public to judge whether opinion has or las not been exerted on behalf of the efficient inspection.

4. That Mr. Miller went out of his ceed to show you the true comparison and Seaforth recommended all candithat course, 9 candidates instead of 5 would have been recommended. Another inexplicable fact is that 3 candidates that 3 candidates obtaining but 275 marks at the dates obtaining but 375 marks at the Seaforth examination were recommended erroneous and misleading.

the Department, while Joseph Edward, with 400 marks, was recommended by the examiners here but was not passed by the Department. I may add that Mr. J R. Miller was at the Department while these recommendations were under consideration. The following were not recommended at all: Harry Parsons, Placing against these averages the reMinnie Noble, 397 marks; Mary McIvor, 388 marks;
Minnie Noble, 397 marks; Maud Watsults of the last two examinations, viz., son, 390 marks; Allan Seager, 405 July, 1885, and Dec., 1884, we have the marks. There is certainly something former Principal's averages standing 16 wrong when such a state of things precandidates spassing [at June or July examinations, and 21 candidates passing at December examinations, against 19 Jennie Wilson. The first mentioned of each department. If teachers were then neglectful of duty, they could be connected by the Inspector, and could be given a chance of remedying any defects he might point out, instead of being made the subjects of comment in a public report.

I now come to that part of your Inspector, and could be given to find the part of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations. The first mentioned candidates at July, 1885, and 19 at because of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 3 at July examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations and a loss of 2 at December examinations.

The first mentioned of marks over the total, but failed by 5 in history. The third obtained 57 marks over the total, but failed by 5 in history. Would not common sense have less circumstances under which I have less circumstances under which I have been contained at July 1885, and 19 at 1 labored, the comparison is decidedly in my favor. Now, your Inspector may object that I do not include in the pass marks in history by construing their pass marks in history by construing their

Passed. mended. Pas Clinton 6 Seaforth. 3 Exeter. 3

If the same course as was followed in Clinton and Seaforth had been pursued by the examiners here, I should have passed altogether 24, a far higher num ber than any of the surrounding schools.
All through your Inspector's report there runs the implication that I am not has of late undergone a radical change assertion that a large promotion to Room and has been made more difficult, Mr. No. 1 was necessary in December, 1883.

seem to be prevalent, I shall follow the fashion. On taking charge of your school I was struck with what seemed to me to have been an unjust practice. The classes in the Principal's room I found, upon examining the registers, to have been very small since the establishment of your Model School. Your Model School was established in the autumn of 1877. In the first term of that year the number of pupils in the Principal's room was not out of propor-

NO. OF PUPILS IN SIXTH DEPARTMENT AT SAME TIME. NO. OF PUPILS IN PRINCIPAL'S ROOM DURING 1884 AND 1885. 1884, June......44 December......64 1885 ".........54 "......50 NO. OF PUPILS IN SIXTH DEPARTMENT DURING

The question for the public to ask is, whether, since the establishment of your Model School, and while under the late management, the interests of the public school pupils were neglected in order to lighten the burdens of the Principal. Your Board will observe that precisely at the time of my taking charge of the school large classes again began to be formed in the Principal's room, and that

wear and a half, the former but his mouths. These tacts clearly disprove the statement that the pupils sent up by me were poorly prepared.

able in view of his abilities, to be admitted to my room. Such pupils have an undeniable right, founded upon justice by me were poorly prepared.

I now come to the results of the examination of July of the present year.

Of my class 45 wrote, of whom 28 had been recommended for entrance.

24 the best training should be reserved, not for the most preceding pupils, but for the most preceding pupils, but for been considerably increased. Two new subjects have been added to the Model School course, and the number of lectures to be given the Model School students is more than twice as great as formerly, while the papers for the Model School examinations were prepared last year and will continue to be prepared, at the Education Department.

2. That the difference in marking

7. That his comparison by percentages is erroneous, since he computes the numof candidates passed by the

the Department.

11. That all of those 10 candidates obtained higher marks than quite a number of candidates recommended by the Seaforth examiners and subsequently passed by the Department.

12. That Goderich Model School suc-

ceeded in passing at the late entrance 13. That I have not neglected the in-

terests of the department committed to my charge in order to make the labors of the Model School less burdensome.
In conclusion, I have to say that I have included in this report such topics as will serve in some measure to enlighten pub. per Mrs. Collins \$18.75; funeral expenses lic opinion regarding the condition of your schools. I regret that I should be compelled to occupy your attention at such length, but I feel that the great need of the time is the truth, from which need of the time is the truth, from which no one need shrink. I may add that I am prepared to verify, from the school records and from the school records are from the school records and from the school records are from the school records and from the school records are from the sch ds and from the examination reports published from time to time, every fact and statement to which expression has been given in the foregoing report.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your opedient servant, ALLAN EMBURY, Principal Goderich Public Schools,

A Sure Indication.

Whenever there are festering scres, without even so much as mentioning any such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes have since my taking charge of times will show the such changes an extremely bad condition of the blood which should be speedily charge of the blood which should be speedily charge of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be speedily charges and condition of the blood which should be spee

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Pastardly Attempt Made in Grangeville Against Two Officials.

ORANGEVILLE, Oct. 7 .- About one o'clock last night the citizens were arous-ed by two loud explosions which occur-red within a few minutes of each other. No reasonable man doubts On investigation it was found that a das-

ing the utmost indignation was expressed by all law abiding citizens. The scene of the outrage was visited by large numbers, and both families received visits of sympathy from a majority of the ladies and gentlemen of Orangeville. A regular lera Morbus, Diarrhou Colic, Cramps, sition was signed by the leading ousiness Sick Stomach, Canker of the Stomach men and others, requesting the wayor to and Bowels, and all forms of Summer call a public meeting, and in accordance Complaints, there is no remedy more with the request Mayor Pattullo issued his proclamation. Although the bills Wild Strawberry. Dealers who sell it were only distributed about two hours and those who buy it and those who buy before the time named for the meeting, yet the town hall was filled with over of its merits. two hundred of our prominent citizens, large number of ladies forming part of the audience. The mayor occupied the chair, and after reading the requisition Rev. W. A. Hunter moved, and Rev.

J. Harris seconded, the following resolu-

Whereas the inhabitants of this town have learned with alarm that attempts have been made against the lives and property of the families of two of our eitizens by deadly dynamite explosives and whereas there can be no doubt that these fiendish outrages were caused by the prominent part these aforesaid citi zens have recently taken in connection with the enforcement of the Scott Act, which was carried by the decided will of he people, expressed by a majority of eight hundred; and whereas said act has been openly and shamefully violated in this town,

Be it hereby resolved that we express

our sympathy with those against whom these diabolical plots were planned, with these who are endeavoring to enforce said act and give it a fair trial, and our condemnation of the conduct of the who have teen so grossly violating the provisions of said act.

The next resolution was moved by S. H. McKittrich, and seconded by Thos. Jull, as follows:
That the burning of Mr. Jull's saw

mill, some time since, and the explosions In senior classes a vastly greater number of words and a greater variety in language are met with, and consequently the same accuracy in respect of all words is an impossibility. This is my reason for deducting a less number of marks for tor deducting a less number of marks for each miscell, word in the case of samination it the value of the standing of the candidates in the st criminals. R. Lawlor moved, seconded by Thos

That the town council be requested to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the detection and conviction of the per

petrators of the outrage. The resolutions were carried unanim ously, and the speakers were enthusias tically applauded when denouncing the miscreants and law-breakers At the conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered to the mayor for caling the meeting and presiding.

A Sad Case. The poor victim of Chronic Dystepsia apparently suffers all the ills of life, living in continual torrure. Regulate the Diver and the Boweis and tone the

all parties interested might be present and a perfect understanding arrived at. The collector was present with his sure, ties his bond was duly signed and approved of the council when he was given his roll to ester upon his duties at once. Moved by J. Laithwait, seconded by J. H. Elliott, that the clerk notify Mrs. F. examination a larger number of candidates than any of the surrounding lots 53, 54 and 65, 66. Goderich town-McDonald, Toronto, to have the fence moved off Maitland concession opposite ship, on or before the 1st January, 1886
—Carried. A petition asking for the above and signed by Charles Baker and twenty-two others was laid before council. Robert Bray indigent one quarters allowance, \$18.75; Wm. Collins indigent and builder's material of every description. of Lemont, indigent, \$13.95; Jos John Lapier for gravel. 28. matters not of general interest were at

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COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributers to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

No reasonable man doubts for one tardly attempt had been made to wreck | Platt was the original discoverer of salt two private residences in town, one occupied by the newly appointed Police Magistrate, Mr. F. Moaro, and the other by Mr. Thos. Anderson, Provincial of Ontario. Therefore it seems but right Constable. The front doors of both that some recognition of his untiring houses were blown in and all the glass energy and perseverance, should be houses were blown in and all the glass in the windows broken. Fortunstely no injury was sustained by the families occupying the houses, except the natural fright caused by the explosion. Great indignation is expressed on all sides against the scoundrels who committed the crime, and a public meeting called by the mayor is to be held this evening to give expression to the indignation felt, and to adopt prompt means for the detection and punishment of the guilty parties.

energy and perseverance, should be evinced by those who have gained so largely by its results. The old settlers of this neighborhood recall to mind when salt was salt in those days, a barrel same reaching as high as \$2.50 and \$3.00, just previous to the opening of navigation. As all classes of the community have alike felt its influence, from the mechanic to the merchant, and the mechanic to the merchant, and the merchant to the farmer, I would suggest that a subscription be raised to place a suitable monument over his remains. parties.

Orangeville, Oct. 8.—When the news of the dynamite explosions spread through this town on Wednesday morning the phase indigential phase of a benefactor of his race, and thereby render "Honor to kind or the phase to kind or the pha thereby render "Honor to him honor is due." Yours truly,

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ber of candidates, passed by the late Principal as a percentage of only a portion of his class, while he computes the number that I have passed as a percentage of my whole class.

8. That a comparison by numbers gives me a larger number of candidates passed than formerly.

9. That the statement made by the examiners for the High School entrance, to the effect that candidates sent up by me were poorly prepared, is untrue, as is evidenced by the promotion examinations in the High School.

10. That, at the recent entrance examination, out of 10 candidates deserving recommendation only 5 were recommended, and that one of them was rejected by the Department.

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LEEING D

Every one knows that ous degrees of excellent there are in all the oth But there are some who, cocity of talent in this genius, discover at once t designed them for achie brilliant honors of inven was the case with the memoir, who, in the day ity, was known only by unanimously awarded tit Davie."

Davie's parents lived in in the well-aired town of] were very creditable per numerous family, none of ever, showed any distincti only Davie. It answered Davie's pu do the things that he was

and to do various other was strictly enjoined not the case be ever so bad, D to get himself out of it by good, well-told lies. It mother who suffered m cases. Sometimes, in her she let out expressions of at Davie, calling him an notorious liar; but this c make matters worse for he would be completely turne by the lad's inveterate father's partiality, until th motherless children" becar word which always ended Davie into favor and the wrath of the father agains and simple hearted mother Davie was actually aw truth. When it was nece

few words of truth to mak better he hesitated and s blushed, so that you could pecting him and the tru when he had gone on to th which he had gone through preparation, he told it wit ure and with such a face t showed that he was born inconvenient trammels of revel in the upper region One day Davie, who was

sent by his stepmother with a friend at the farther end It was war time, and volu recruiting presented too tions for Davie to resist, thought of his message or home till late that afterno It drew toward evening

appearance of Davie. 1 being in a particularly fa tonight all Davie's tricks laid before him by his wife joined in heartily in abusing

Now there was quarte remarkably handsome offic ed a great sensation among and there was also in tew monly pretty woman, a M who peculiarly favored Palmer. Whenever, there and wife were on such terr comfortably together, a ject could not be started dalous conduct of Mrs. Captain Palmer; and no topic Mr. Peterkin and agreeably diverged.

When Davie was within his father's door he applie as formerly, to get out But the greatest geniuses break down, and Davie fo fault. He had already t on all the subjects that w his powers. He had got where his father and moth without a single though him to account for his ment. But as he slipped the names of Captain Pa Templeton struck his ear the whole thing ready; but his fancy being now of ideas darted into his h from the seat of war, tha

have filled a newspaper. "You unmanageable r father, looking around, ' been all day ? Give an self this instant."

"So I will, father," 8 estly ; "I would have I syne, but I could not crowd." "What crowd, you lyi

"The crowd at the news." "What news have you

None of your stories, Da it won't do." "Then you have not sir? The mail's not

English rider came to to horse with the news tha a great battle abroad, a French killed, besides party himsel'." "Davie !" cried his fa

ears, "is that really for "It's as true as deat rider at the town's hor