

an offer to continue his services at \$900 per annum, it was moved by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mr. Silvester, that Mr. Simpson having given satisfaction, be permanently engaged at the salary mentioned.

The following is the staff of teachers in the Petrolia schools at present: S. C. Woodworth, principal; Misses Langton, Dibb, Harley, Dawson, Ross, Reynolds, Hayhurst, McRobie, Cameron, Buchanan, McRobie. Misses McRobie, Reynolds and Cameron propose attending the normal school during 1887, Miss McDougall has resigned her position and made an engagement to teach at Winnipeg at a salary of \$500 for the next year. The following teachers have been engaged to fill the vacancies thus created: Misses Dibb, L. McRobie, Nellie McRobie, Ellen Sanson, Sinclair and McWhorter. The rest of the teachers will retain their present positions.

On the 20th the Brockville East Ward School was the scene of another presentation. Miss Wilson, who has taught the juvenile classes for the past five years is about to leave the teaching profession, and was presented by the pupils and teachers with a very neat willow rocking chair and music stand, accompanied by an appropriate address. In the same school the present and former pupils of Miss J. C. Simpson's class and the teachers of Victoria school assembled in the large room and presented her with a token of esteem in the shape of a handsome rattan rocking chair and a drawing-room satchel of pale blue satin, ornamented with pearl maple leaves.

The Enniskillen Board of Trustees (Lambton County) have engaged teachers for that township for 1887 as follows: For school section No. 1, Miss McDougall, salary, \$400; No. 2, J. M. Dawson, \$375; No. 3, Miss A. Bax, \$300; No. 4, Miss S. Weston, \$275; No. 5, A. A. Dewar, \$400; No. 6, Edwin Karr, \$375; No. 7, Miss E. Horne, \$375; No. 8, P. McS. Brown, \$400; No. 9, Miss E. S. Hinde, \$275; No. 10, Miss Brebner, \$300; No. 11, Mathew Holmes, \$400; No. 12, W. J. Robinson, \$500; No. 12, Miss M. Brown, \$225; No. 12, Miss M. Lowrie, \$225; No. 13, Hugh Beaton, \$500; No. 13, Miss Grace Christian, \$275; No. 14, J. J. Matthews, \$425; No. 15, Miss Annie Hamilton, \$275; No. 16, Miss D. Ferguson, \$275; No. 17, Miss Park, \$275; No. 18, Miss Maggie Stapleton, \$275; No. 19, Miss Nellie Stapleton, \$275; No. 20, F. J. Cowan, \$375.

The Shelburne Public School closed for the Christmas vacation on Friday, the 18th December. After 2.30 p.m. the scholars spent the time till 4 o'clock in singing and giving recitations. Revs. H. G. Moore and T. J. McClelland and a number of visitors were present. All three teachers being about to sever their connection with the school, the following presentations were made: To Mr. McEachern, principal, a beautiful dressing case; to Miss Wright, a fine pair of gold bracelets; to Miss Craigmill, a handsome photograph album. Accompanying each was an address and a beautiful Christmas card. Mr. McEachern replied, thanking the pupils for the kind words contained in the address, and for their valuable present. Rev. Mr. Moore made reply for Miss Wright and Miss Craigmill. Mr. McEachern, we understand, is about to enter the medical profession, and will

attend the Harriston High School for the next term. Miss Wright has given up teaching for the present, and Miss Craigmill has secured a school in Peel township. The teachers engaged for 1887 are: Mr. McMaster, of Honeywood, principal; Miss K. Sutherland, first assistant. The second assistant has not been engaged yet.

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