

of the Normal School occupied the chair. The Rev. Dr. Murray, who was formerly a member of the Board of Education and examiner for teachers' license, referred, in a plain, sensible speech, to the efforts which were being made to raise the educational status of the Island, and pointed to a future when the people would be proud of their schools. The Hon. W. D. Stewart addressed the students of the Normal School, pointing out to them the importance of the work in which they were about to engage; and, in referring to educational changes, hoped that the time was not far distant when the Prince of Wales College would be developed into an institution for young ladies as well as for young men. The Rev. Mr. Lathern congratulated the Island on the progress which had already been made, and gave some good advice to the large and attentive audience on educational affairs.

The new school in Summerside has been opened and organized, with Mr. Neil McLeod as Principal and seven associate teachers. The schools there have been re-graded since the opening of the new building, and thus all dissatisfaction has disappeared.

The Provincial Examination of teachers was held during the week preceding Christmas. There were over forty successful candidates, notwithstanding the fact that many of the questions were beyond the scope prescribed for examination.

Our admirable system of education, as worked out in accordance with the provisions of the new School Act, is fast bringing forth good fruit. Only a little more than two years ago the public schools of the City of Charlottetown were a reproach to civilization; today, they are such as larger cities might well be proud of. The numerous advantages of the graded system are every day being made more abundantly manifest. And to Mr. Harper, the efficient Principal of the Normal School—to whom was entrusted the arduous duty of grading the city schools, and who still exercises supervision over them—is justly due no small share of credit for the present high standing of the schools.

The Christmas Examination of the Prince of Wales College took place on Thursday, the 17th December. The attendance of students was about fifty, and in the examination of the several classes they acquitted themselves creditably. The examination was conducted by the professors of the college and Mr. Caven. At the close the students presented Messrs. Anderson, Alexander and Lepage with addresses and valuable Christmas gifts. Mr. Caven, Chief Justice Palmer, Sir Robert Hodgson, Judge Hensley, Rev. Mr. Lathern and Hon. L. H. Davies complimented the students very warmly on the progress they were making, and encouraged them to persevere until they had reached distinction. The Chief Justice showed the advantage of good reading, and intimated that he would give a prize of a silver watch to the best reader at the next midsummer examination.

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The following is the report of the Christmas Examination in St. John's College:—

THEOLOGICAL COURSE.

Greek Testament.—I. Class—R. Machray, Jas. C. Flett, A. G. Pinkham, W. A. Burman.

Church History and Articles.—I. Class—W. A. Burman.

Creed (Pearson).—I. Class—R. Machray, W. A. Burman. II. Class—J. C. Flett, A. G. Pinkham.

ARTS COURSE.

Homer.—I. Class—L. J. Clarke, R. Machray, R. R. F. Bannatyne, W. T. B. Kennedy, R. McLennan, A. G. Pinkham.

Sallust.—I. Class—R. R. F. Bannatyne, W. Kennedy, R. Machray, L. J. Clarke, R. McLennan. II. Class—A. G. Pinkham.

Latin Prose Composition.—I. Class—W. Kennedy, R. R. F. Bannatyne, L. J. Clarke, R. Machray. II. Class—R. McLennan, A. G. Pinkham.

Pro. Archia.—I. Class—R. R. F. Bannatyne, W. Kennedy, L. C. Clarke, equal; R. McLennan, R. Machray, equal. II. Class—A. G. Pinkham.

Macbeth.—I. Class—R. Machray; R. R. F. Bannatyne, L. J. Clarke, A. G. Pinkham, equal. II. Class—W. Kennedy, R. McLennan.

Green's History.—I. Class—R. R. F. Bannatyne, R. Machray, L. J. Clarke. II. Class—A. G. Pinkham, R. McLennan, W. Kennedy.

French.—I. Class—R. R. F. Bannatyne, L. J. Clarke, R. Machray. II. Class—W. Kennedy, R. McLennan, A. G. Pinkham.

Arithmetic.—I. Class—L. J. Clarke, R. McLennan. II. Class—W. Kennedy, A. G. Pinkham, R. Machray, R. R. F. Bannatyne.

Euclid.—I. Class—L. J. Clarke, R. McLennan, W. Kennedy.

II. Class—R. Machray, R. R. F. Bannatyne. III. Class—A. G. Pinkham.

Algebra.—II. Class—R. McLennan, L. J. Clarke, R. Machray, W. Kennedy, A. G. Pinkham, R. R. F. Bannatyne.

Special.—J. C. Flett, Homer Class II., Sallust Class I., Pro. Archia Class II., Latin Prose Class I., Green's History Class II., Euclid Class III.

Honor Mathematics.—I. Class, R. Machray, W. Kennedy.

The College re-opened on the 15th January.

The following resolution respecting the Principal of Winnipeg public schools was adopted by the Board of Education, at a meeting held on 8th January:—

Moved by the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Mulvey, That inasmuch as Mr. M. J. Fletcher, Principal of the Winnipeg public schools, whose examination commenced December 26th, was so ill that he was unable to proceed with the work of examination—the medical certificate which had been submitted to the Board corroborating his own statements as to his health; resolved, that his examination must be resumed, or, if he prefers it recommenced, either on the 20th or on the 27th January, and completed; that a certificate in accordance with the results of said examination be granted to him; and that his interim certificate be extended to the present month. Carried.

Mr. Fletcher has chosen to recommence his examination on the 27th January, and the Board of School Trustees for the city has decided at a meeting held on the 14th inst, to extend the time within which his agreement is to be signed to the first Monday in February.

The following report was unanimously adopted by the Board at its last meeting:—

To the Protestant Section of the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee have had under consideration the question of defraying the travelling expenses of the members of the Board who reside in the country, when attending meetings of the Board, and would recommend:—

1st. That the Board meet for the transaction of general business once every three months, viz.: on the first Thursday in February, May, August and November, of which public notice shall be given; and that the executive committee be empowered to deal with such matters as require immediate attention during the intervals.

2nd. That ten cents per mile be granted to all members who reside over four miles from the place of meeting.

Respectfully,

THOMAS HART,

W. N. KENNEDY,

W. CYPRIAN PINKHAM.

Winnipeg, Jan. 8th, 1879.

Mr. Forget, a school teacher, has recently been appointed Superintendent of Education for Roman Catholic schools, in the room of Mr. Elie Tasse, who has resigned. Mr. Forget is a brother of Lieut. Governor Laird's private secretary.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

11. I have taught for several years on a second-class certificate obtained at the Normal School; can I write for a first-class certificate without attending the Normal School again? E. S. D., Chatham.

Yes.

12. May second-class candidates not attending a High School take the Latin or French course at the examination in 1879?

Yes.

13. What is the programme in French for the Midsummer examinations? A STUDENT, Cambray.

The Accidence and principal rules of Syntax; Exercises, DeFivas' Introductory French Reader, pp. 1-49; either Souvestre, un Philosophe sous les toits, I—VIII, or Emile de Bonnechose, Lazare Hoche, chapters I. and II.; re-translation of easy passages into French; rudiments of conversation.

14. What are the qualifications necessary for a Public School Inspector in Ontario? S., Montreal.

First Class Provincial Certificate, Grade A.

Or, a degree with honors in Arts from an Ontario University,