

MR. SCARLETT, Inspector of Public Schools in Northumberland, has recently held a number of conventions of trustees and teachers for the purpose of discussing the public school programme and the best methods of carrying it out, Township Boards of School Trustees, and other subjects. We are glad to learn that these meetings have been very successful.

THROUGH the courtesy of the Principal, Mr. McHenry, we have received the announcement of a series of lectures and addresses which is to be delivered to the pupils of Cobourg Collegiate Institute during the present session. Among the subjects are:—"Quebec and Its People," "An Atlantic Voyage," "Moral Culture," and "The Wonders of the Yellowstone."

SINCE our last issue the invention of Dr. Roseburgh, of this city, and Mr. Black, of Hamilton, by which the induction from one wire to another is suppressed on that to which the invention is attached, has been tested and found, so far, quite satisfactory. Two advantages seem to be gained: 1st, That telephone and telegraph messages can be exchanged simultaneously on the same wire, and 2nd, That the noise caused by induction from electric light wires, etc., is done away with.

THE elevation of Judge Gowan, of Barrie, to the Senate of the Dominion is an event of interest to all friends of education. The new senator can probably claim to have served longer as a school trustee than any other man in the province. He was, we believe, a member of the original Board of Grammar School Trustees at Barrie, more than forty years ago, and he is to-day the respected chairman of the Collegiate Institute of that town. Much of the harmony which has always marked the management of that institution is due to his tact and knowledge of men. The new appointment is, we understand, exceedingly popular in the County of Simcoe.

EAST AND WEST VICTORIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The two conventions met at Lindsay on Monday and Tuesday, March

2 and 3. A large number of teachers attended at all the sessions. Wm. Grace, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Education, presided at the public lecture, and the President of the East Victoria Association, Mr. W. O'Boyle, at the meetings of teachers. Dr. McLellan, Director of Institutes, lectured on the "A B C of Arithmetic," "The Art of Questioning," and "Analysis of Grammar," before the teachers and at the public meeting on "Education in Ontario." The latter extended over nearly two hours, and the interest was well sustained throughout. The improvements in our schools within the last few years were clearly shown, and a very favourable comparison drawn between Ontario schools and those of the United States. Besides the lectures by Dr. McLellan, the following subjects were taken up:—Literature, by J. C. Pomeroy, Head Master, Oakwood High School; Natural Science, by Wm. O'Connor, Head Master Lindsay High School; Reading and Spelling, by J. H. Knight, P. S. Inspector; "A Trip to Germany," by Miss C. Holtorf; and Entrance Examinations, by H. Reazin, P. S. Inspector. The united conventions passed a vote of approval of the appointment of a Director of Institutes.

WE find the following appears among the Orders in Council:—

Reading Book (4th December, 1884). Upon consideration of the report of the Hon. the Minister of Education, dated 2nd December, 1884, the Committee of Council advise that the authorization of the third, fourth and fifth Readers now in use be extended to the 1st day of January, 1886.

The Committee further advise that in view of the early publication of a series of Readers prepared under the direction of the Education Department, to be known as the "Ontario Readers," the authorization of the "Royal" and "Canadian Readers" shall cease and determine on the 1st day of January, 1886.

Reading Books (18th December, 1884). Upon the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Committee advise that the agreement between William James Gage, the Canada Publishing Company (Limited), and Thomas Nelson and William Nelson, trading under the name and style of Thomas Nelson & Sons, and Her Majesty the Queen, represented by the Hon. the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, acting for the Education Department of Ontario, for the publication of a series of Readers, to be known as the "Ontario Readers," be approved of by your Honour.