

The Hamilton Board of Education has adopted the following recommendation, on the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Hill:—That your committee recognizing the importance of a more thorough system of inspection of the public schools of the city, recommend that the services of an inspector who shall devote the whole of his time during school hours be engaged, and with that end in view, Mr. Smith, the present inspector, be requested to resign his position as inspector on January 1st next.

The Education Department has just revised regulations in regard to the examinations for teachers' certificates. Amongst other changes Latin and French are struck off the list of optional subjects, and algebra, drawing, book keeping and physics are made obligatory upon candidates.—*Orangeville Advertiser*.

Mr. Wolverton, who three years ago was appointed Principal of Woodstock College, has now received the appointment permanently. Recent reports show that marked progress has been made in the College financially and educationally.

Hughes's Manuals have met with the most decided success in the United States. "Mistakes in Teaching" seems to be a very popular book among teachers in that country. A letter received, Oct. 23rd, orders quite a large quantity of these books for the teachers of Minnesota.

The "Weekly Canada School Journal" project is warmly endorsed by a large number of friends in the ranks of the teaching profession, and we are encouraged very much by such expressions of approval and promises of support. The following is a sample of many similar communications:—"The weekly edition of the JOURNAL will, I think, be received even more favorably than the still popular monthly edition. As for the latter, however, (were there no weekly) I would not wish to be without it. Expect my subscription to the 'Weekly,'—our own professional paper. W. J. C." Thanks, kind friend! Much as you like the monthly Journal you will appreciate the "weekly" still more, for it is intended to spare no effort to make it the best educational paper that has ever been before the public, and to have it just as you mention, "The Teacher's own Professional Paper."

A prominent high school master writes:—"Your words on Botany are well timed. Do not drop the subject till it is again an option for Algebra. It does pes girls' minus far faster than Algebra and gives them a liking for investigation."

Mr. Tilley, Inspector of Model Schools, spoke in very complimentary terms of the Picton school on his last visit. He declared that the school was among the best organized and best disciplined model schools in the Province, making no exception of any room. He complimented the model class, saying the students showed that they were working, and made the best class he had ever seen in Picton.—*Picton Times*.

At the recent union convention of teachers, Lambton Co., it was resolved to adopt the plan of uniform promotion examinations for the county.

STRATFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The High School at Stratford was Oct. 24th, promoted to the standing of a Collegiate Institute, the official declaration being made by the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education. A large number of educationists from Perth and adjoining counties, together with the school trustees, local clergy and other friends, assembled to do honor to the occasion, and it is estimated that 1000 persons were present. The walls of the various rooms were festooned with evergreens, flowers, flags, &c., and adorned with paintings and drawings, the handiwork of the students under Miss Freeman's charge.

In his address the Minister referred to the splendid work that had been done in the school by W. McBride, M.A., and his able assistants, which had won the honor that was about to be conferred on it. The staff during the present year had increased from four to eight; the average attendance has gone up from 90 to 177. At last departmental examinations, 8 passed in second class A, 8 in B, 14 third class and 35 intermediate. At the "Local Examinations for Women" in connection with Toronto University, 29 candidates passed, out of 32, obtaining 12 First Class Honors and 11 Second Class Honors. It is proposed to add a Commercial Department as an optional subject for High Schools, and also Drawing. Arrangements would be made next year by which male students in High Schools could write for the matriculation of Toronto University at home the same as women are allowed to do, at present and save them the trouble and expense of going to the city. The Hon.

gentleman's remarks were received with much satisfaction. Mr. J. L. Hughes, inspector of city schools, Toronto, gave a brief, humorous address. Messrs. Rothwell and McCallum B.A., both of Listowel, made some appropriate congratulatory remarks. On the motion of Rev. G. Richardson, seconded by Rev. D. A. McGregor, a vote of thanks was accorded the speakers. The boys were then put through their facings in drill exercises and the girls in calisthenics.

In the evening a banquet was tendered to Mr. Ross. Mr. Thos. Stoney, Chairman of Trustees, was in the chair, and a very agreeable time was spent.

The teaching staff of Stratford Collegiate Institute comprises the following:—Wm. McBride, M.A., Mathematics and French; C. A. Mayberry, B.A., Classics; J. Wilson, B.A., 1st A., English; John M. Moran, 1st A., German and Nat. Science; A. DeGuerre, B.A., Mathematics; Prof. Johnson Morris, Vocal Music; Miss J. Weir, Instrumental Music, and Miss M. Freeman, Drawing, Painting, &c.

The capacious building affords spacious accommodation, and a library, gymnasium, calisthenic room and laboratory have all been started and well equipped since last January. The Board of School Trustees has heartily co-operated with the head master in furnishing the school with apparatus and appliances and as a result the Institute is now one of the leading schools in the Province. Mr. McBride, on his appointment, found the school in a disorganized state, but by the energy and indomitable perseverance for which he is noted, he has brought the Stratford Collegiate Institute to the high position it occupies to-day.

We are in receipt of the "Annual Circular" of Ontario Business College, Belleville, and have to congratulate Messrs. Robinson and Johnson on the flourishing state of the institution. The varied branches of commercial education taught in the College and the practical nature of the teaching afforded by men who are second to none in the profession, have attracted students from the United States, West Indies and Newfoundland, besides a large attendance from the provinces of the Dominion. Not long since we gave a full description of the method by which each subject is taught, namely, by actual business transactions in banking, counting-house work, telegraphy, &c., carried on in such a manner that a student may step from the College into a business house and proceed with his work without further training. The success of the large majority of the pupils who have graduated from the College is the best evidence of the superior education afforded within its walls.

Mr. W. H. Bean, teacher of Scarboro' Village School, has matriculated at Trinity College, Toronto.

An effort is about to be made to organize a Teachers' Association for South York. A meeting of the teachers of the inspectorate is to be called to assemble in Parkdale Model School some time this month, at which the project will be discussed.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Education has had several meetings recently, but the result of the deliberations have not transpired. It is understood that the determining of Inspectoral Districts and the appointment of Inspectors has been a part of the work.

The following Text Books have been prescribed for use in the Free Schools of the Province on and after November 1st, 1884:—Hamblin Smith's Geometry; Modern Geography and Atlas (Canada Publishing Co.,) in place of Calkin's School Geography of the World; Archer's Short History of Canada.

Classes beginning any of these subjects must use the newly prescribed texts; but classes which have already made some progress in the subjects may, with the concurrence of the Trustees, continue the use of the present Texts.

The following provisions are prescribed respecting Superior and Grammar Schools:—

SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

Teachers of a Superior School to be entitled to the Provincial Allowance of \$250 must hold a license from the Board of Education of at least Class I, and must receive from the Trustees a salary of not less than \$250 per annum.

1. *Superior Schools in Cities, Incorporated Towns, and in Towns having four graded Departments.*—Boards of Trustees shall provide for giving instruction in at least Standards IX and X. When instruction is not provided for or not given in advance of Standard X, work in Standard VIII may be required of the Teacher, provided the daily average attendance of pupils in the higher standards is not more than 25. Should Standards IX, X and XI be taught no work in lower standard shall be required of the teacher, unless a Provincial Licensed Assistant is employed having a separate classroom.