

Editorial and Official Notices, &c.

THE LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT OF THE SCHOOL FUND FOR 1851.

-We had hoped to have been enabled, in this number, to announce the apportionment of the legislative school grant for 1851, to each county, township, city, town, and incorporated village in Upper Canada; but for the reasons stated in the departmental circular, published in the March number of this Journal, page 43, we have not been able to do so.

AGENTS FOR THIS JOURNAL IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES.—THE REV. ROBERT A. TEMPLE, of Richibucto, New Brunswick, and JOHN W. SMITH, Esq., P. M., Amherst, Nova Scotia, have kindly consented to act as agents for the Journal of Education for their respective provinces.

THE COUNTY WARDEN

And Municipal Officers' Assistant. By THOMAS S. SHENSTON, Esq., J. P., Woodstock. 1851. 8vo., pp. 111.

This publication presents one of the most complete and admirably arranged synopses of municipal acts and municipal duties ever published in Canada. The parliamentary "rules," on pages 97-99, together with the "forms" on pages 101-105, are invaluable to the members of the county and township municipalities; while the "tables," and "ready reckoner," on pages 106-111, will save an immense deal of very tedious labour on the part of county and township clerks.

A TREATISE ON ARITHMETIC,

In Theory and Practice. National Series. pp. 386.

READING TABLET LESSONS :

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The character of these publications is already firmly established. The only objections we have heard urged against them is the frail nature of the binding. This complaint having been formally laid before the Council of Public Instruction, a letter was addressed to the publishers on the subject. The reply cannot but be satisfactory. It is as follows:—

"We received your communication of the 9th instant, containing a copy of a letter from a gentleman, asking to be furnished with explanations concerning certain complaints made in said letter, in order to lay them before the Council. We have now the honour of complying with the request."

"The first complaint made, is, that the binding of the National Books 'is so frail that they literally drop to pieces with a few months use.'"

"There are five or six houses in Canada publishing the National Series, and we believe, or rather have heard, that some editions are exported from the United States. Our editions being in general circulation, to supersede them the prices were lowered by other publishers; in order therefore to keep our works in circulation, we were compelled to sell them at the reduced rates, consequently the books could not be as well bound as if a better remuneration could be obtained. This is the first complaint of that nature we have had. We bind our school books as firm and as strong as the competing price will admit of. If persons will have cheap books, they must not expect the same quality as those for which a fair price is paid. We do not know, however, nor does the complainant state, that the 'hundreds of books' were of our publication; they might have been of any of the five other publishers. We sell large quantities of our publications in sheets to various persons in Canada, who bind them themselves; thus, you will perceive, whilst there are so many publishing and binding, we cannot be held generally responsible."

"We regret that it should be necessary to complain of our works, if they are at fault in this respect; and we do not know how otherwise to meet the wishes of your correspondent, than to have a quantity of each of the National Books bound in a superior manner for the use of the schools. We will do so. The price of course will be more than the present rates, and yet they will be within the limits fixed by the Council. Should therefore your correspondent or others desire strongly bound books, we will supply them."

"Complaint second is directed particularly to our publication, and it is in regard to 'errors and misprints' in the small Arithmetic. This appears to be the case, yet our copy is an exact transcript of the Dublin edition, word for word, figure for figure. We have before us the Irish edition; we find the questions the same as in ours—the answers also. We turn to the Irish Key, and we find the answers given in it to correspond with those produced from the questions, as in the Arithmetic. We find the answers given by your correspondent to be correct, yet differing from those given in the Key. The 'errors and misprints' have crept into the Dublin edition; ours, being an exact copy, has the same. A gentleman who has worked through the whole book intends handing us, this morning, a corrected copy. We will have all the errors brought before our notice removed; and we trust that future editions will be satisfactory in this and in every other respect."

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the following Official Reports and Documents at the Education Office:—

1. REPORT ON THE SCHOOLS OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1850. 8vo., pp. 123. By the Superintendent of Education, James William Dawson, Esq.

2. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS' BOARD OF EDUCATION, WITH REPORT OF THE SECRETARY. 8vo., pp. 116 and 117. Rev. Dr. R. Sears.

3. AN ACT TO AUTHORISE, ENCOURAGE, AND ASSIST THE FORMATION, &c., OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1851. 8vo., pp. 2. John T. Wright, Esq.

- 4. ACTS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF RHODE ISLAND, &c., 1847. 8vo., pp. 79.
5. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, RHODE ISLAND, 1850. 8vo., pp. 8.
6. REPORT ON THE POOR AND INSANE IN RHODE ISLAND, 1851. By Thomas R. Hazard. 8vo., pp. 119. Hon. G. R. Potter.
7. SECOND ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF VERMONT, 1847. 8vo., pp. 52.
8. CIRCULAR TO THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENTS OF VERMONT. By the State Superintendent, April, 1850. 8vo., pp. 8.
9. FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF VERMONT, 1850. 8vo., pp. 48.
10. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH, AND THE FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE OF MAINE, 1850. 8vo., pp. 52 & 103. Hon. E. M. Thurston.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NEW JERSEY, 1849. 8vo., pp. 312.
12. REPORT OF THE STATE SUPT' OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NEW JERSEY, 1850. 8vo., pp. 113. Hon. Theodore F. King.
13. FIRST REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GIBRARD COLLEGE FOR ORFHRANS, &c., 1848. 8vo., pp. 48.
14. SECOND DITTO DITTO DITTO, 1849. 8vo., pp. 54.
15. THIRD DITTO DITTO DITTO, 1850. 8vo., pp. 48. Hon. William H. Allen.
16. SCHOOL LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA, WITH INSTRUCTIONS, &c., 1849. 8vo., pp. 15.
17. SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1849-'50. 8vo., pp. 75. Hon. A. L. Russell.
18. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE CONDITION OF COMMON SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, 1850. 8vo., pp. 112. Hon. Henry D. King.
19. MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1851. 8vo., pp. 23. P. H. Gagan, Esq.
20. MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF YORK, JANUARY, 1851. 4to., pp. 48. The County Clerk.
21. A PRIMARY ASTRONOMY. By Rev. Hiram Mattison, 1851. 12mo., pp. 168. The Author.
22. MANUEL GENERAL DE L'INSTRUCTION PRIMAIRE, JOURNAL HEBDOMADAIRE DES INSTITUTEURS. Paris, 1851. 4to., pp. 12.
23. REVUE DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE EN FRANCE ET DANS LES PAYS ETRANGERS. Recueil Mensuel. Paris, 1851. 4to., pp. 16.

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Le Journal d'Education du Haut-Canada nous parait bien remplir sa mission et nous pouvons le recommander vivement a ceux qui lisent l'anglais et s'interessent aux matieres dont il traite. Le prix de l'abonnement n'est que 5 chelins par annee.—Le Semeur Canadien

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