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The Port Hopers have been agitating for the reduction of school expenses, and some for the abolition of the High school, but without being able to show any sufficient ground for either course.

The Seaforth High School is a neat two-story brick edifice, and presents a very attractive appearance externally, while the interior is well arranged, commodious and comfortable. There are four large class-rooms in it. cooms in it.

The school trustees of S. S. 4, Binbrook The school trustees of S. S. 4. Binbrook, refused to allow their schoolhouse to be used as a polling booth in election times, and a muscular trustee cleared the schoolyard of a booth which was being erected for voting by some of the municipal Councillors, and which was finally put up in the road opposite the temple of learning. It is worthy of note that while the educationists of the entire United States have only been honoured by two decorations at the Paris exhibition (of the order of the Palm Leaf) the Province of Quebec has secured two (Dr. Meilleur and Hon. Mr. Chauveau), and the Province of Outron of the Palm Leaf.

The St. Catharines Daily News defends the teachers of the city schools from attacks made on their management in a contemporary, the Journal. The position taken by the News is a strong one, as it asserts that Mr. Cuff, the editor of the former paper. former paper, is the Chairman of the School Trustees, and we quite agree with it that assaults in his paper on the teachers are worse than inexcusable.

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Belleville claims to be under the average in the cost of educating pupils. From a comparison of eleven of the largest cities and towns in Ontario, excepting Toronto, it concludes that the average cust of educating public school pupils is \$5.52, Belleville being \$5.18, and of High school pupils, \$40.20, Belleville being \$24.90, Kingston leading off with the enormous figure \$91.56.

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The Minister of Education has sent circulars to the secretaries of school boards, asking for information regarding the expenses connected with the different examinations in the schools. The expenses under this heading have grown to be a considerable item every year. It is worth enquiring into, whether the expenditure-cannot be lessened without impairing the efficiency of the system. The queries goback as far as 1868 and extend to 1878.

Rev. Dr. Nelles, of Victoria College, in Rev. Dr. Nelles, of Victoria College, in the Canada School Journal, gives some forcible thoughts about a "motive power in education," The lowest is the rod, the highest a love of knowledge. He animal-verts in strong terms on the spirit apt to be engendered by competitive examinations. engendered by competitive examinations, and strengthens his position by some strong quotations from Todhunter and Huxley, the latter of whom says that in his experi-

ence nothing is "so hopelessly worthless the products of examination in experiment

hope and, and are two crying evils in those schools. Arguing from the premises that the hours of the primary schools—five hours—are quite too long, and that they, considering the bad effects on children of too long confinement in school, might, very judiciously be decreased to three hours; he proposes to limit them to the latter number. This, he says, will enable a teacher to take a class of say 40 in the forenoon and another in the afternoon. This system weuld then have the double recommendation of teaching twice the number of children without any additional cost, and effecting a desirable change for the better in consulting the physical health and improvement of the pupils.

The annual report of the P. S. Inspector Gray, of the city of St. Catharines, recently presented, contains some items of interest, to which we call attention. He says:—
"During the year now passed 1,815 pupils have been enrolled, giving an average attendance of 1,043. Taking the amount paid for salaries, supplies and repairs, I find each pupil's education for the year has cost \$6.87. The daily average is not so large as it might be. Many of the teachers call upon the parents of those children who are irregular in their attendance, with a view of calling their attention to the importance of sending their children regularly to school; but such is the indifference manifested in this matter that our efforts to secure a high average have only been partially successful. The staff consists of twenty-five teachers, to whom the highest salary paid is \$700, and the lowest \$264. The total expenditure for school purposed during the year was \$14,285.11. No prizes have been distributed in the Public Schools for some years, and the Inspector concludes his report by saying that he think a few prizes for good conduct and regular attendance would be beneficial.

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In California it has been enacted the nothing but the English language shall be taught in the Primary grammar and common schools, and also that no public mone shall be granted to sectarian schools.

The rich educational endowments Chios have just been increased by 2,50 lire, bequeathed by the late Patriaro Joachim, for the instruction of girls in hnative village of Kallimasia. Many sim lar bequests on the part of wealthy Gree have borne witness to the high value th place on education of women.

Examination frauds have been discoved in San Francisco. John A. Moo Principal of a grammar school, sold various teachers questions about to be at their examination. His conscience proached him to such an extent that finally confessed and the whele mat was then thoroughly investigated, and teachers implicated discussed. Moore gone to Texas.

Hon. Robert E. Lowe in distributithe prizes at the Croydon School of A said he was of opinion that elementary struction in art was as necessary and sirable in a system of education as a knoledge of reading and writing. He had usual fling at the classics, recommend the study of French and German in J

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