

### Last Year's Exams.

As this is the month in which the annual school examinations will be held, pupils may be interested in a comparative statement of the standing of the schools in the district in connection with the examinations of a year ago.

The comparisons are made according to the percentage of possible marks obtained by each school.

#### ACADEMIES.

Sutton .....	83 p.c.
Granby .....	71 "
Cowansville .....	70 "
Knowlton .....	70 "
Waterloo .....	70 "
Dunham Ladies' College ...	65 "
Bedford .....	61 "

#### MODEL SCHOOLS.

Stanbridge East.....	68 p.c.
Mansouville .....	66 "
Mystic .....	65 "
Farnham.....	64 "
Clarenceville .....	57 "
Frelighsburg .....	57 "

Scholars will be interested in keeping this and comparing it with the stand taken by their respective schools in 1899.

### The Silken Robe.

The Provincial Government has appointed a large number of Queen's Counsel, among whom are four prominent lawyers of this district whom we take pleasure in congratulating on the honor conferred upon them. The new Q. C.'s are: Hon. H. Thos. Duffy, Hon. J. O. McCorkill, Lt.-Col. Amyrauld, and Mr. C. A. Nutting. All of these gentlemen are lawyers of many years standing, and prominent in their profession.

The right of the Provincial Government to name Queen's Counsel was recently confirmed by the Privy Council, having been disputed by the Federal Government. Provincial Q.C.'s now have precedence in all the courts of the Province.

Among the Queen's Counsel in this district appointed by previous Provincial Governments are Hon. G. B. Baker, J. P. Noyes and E. Racicot.

### The Battle of Ballots in Brome.

Once again the famous County of Brome, a name familiarly known all over Canada, is in the throes of a contest. The forces of prohibition and the other thing will meet each other in a pitched battle at the polls on Tuesday, 20th instant. The result will decide if the *status quo* is to be maintained or if liquor licenses will be a part of the municipal paraphernalia for the next few years. The outcome will be watched with keen interest by the whole Dominion. For years Brome has been the banner county of prohibition, and as such has been pointed to with pride by the temperance people in this

and the other provinces. The result of the contest of the twentieth of June, 1899, will be written for many years in the history of Canada.

### Praying for Rain.

There is an old gentleman in our district who believes in being happy, and has no patience with grumblers. A few years ago there was a dry spell in the spring for three or four weeks, and the alarmists began to forecast total failure of crops and other dire calamities. In two churches prayers were offered for rain, and the rain began and continued for so long that the old gentleman went to the ministers, and after giving them a severe scolding for their interference, demanded that they should pray again, this time to have the rain cease. Since then it takes a mighty dry spell to make the clergymen believe that the country is in danger, but whenever the people begin to wish for rain the old man goes to the ministers and laughingly tells them to hold back their prayers until he tells them to go ahead.

### The Oldest Inhabitant.

Who holds this record? The question has been asked us, but we are unable to answer. It is an interesting question, and in order that we may glean some information regarding the old people, we take the liberty of requesting readers to send in short sketches of any resident of the district who

is eighty years old or over. If possible send photographs as well. We will print these biographies from time to time, and we are sure that many of them will be full of great interest.

Let us do honor to our old folks while they are with us. We need not wait until we lay them away beneath the sod.

To each old person whose biography we receive in the manner indicated above, this monthly will be sent free for a year.

Johnny—"Papa, what is Faith?"

Johnny's Father—"Faith, my son, is a feeling that inspires people to sell us goods on credit in the hope of being able to collect big prices for them at the end of the year."

First Politician—"What do you suppose should be done to prevent those long speeches in Parliament?"

Second Politician—"Don't know, unless a rule is made that no speaker will be allowed to repeat what has been said four or five times already in the same debate."

Silence prevents many a man who doesn't know anything about the subject under discussion from making a fool of himself, but it doesn't save him from the infliction of having to listen to the other fools who, notwithstanding their ignorance, are always ready to deliver an authoritative opinion on any question.

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