

than usual. This will be found no obstacle, since children accustomed to the ascending decimal scale find little difficulty in understanding the nature of a descending series based on the same ratio: and the metric tables will be found to aid them in this, since each part furnishes a tangible example, and bears a specific name illustrative of its relation to the others. This is a strong argument in favour of retaining the original names rather than adopting others, as has been suggested by some who consider Greek and Latin derivatives objectionable. We have already observed that there are only ten names in the whole table, five of them being prefixes. *Myriad*, *decimal*, and *century*, are very familiar words, as are also *gas-meter*, *area* and *stereoscope*. The amount of classical attainment necessary is therefore not very alarming, especially when we remember how easily we have incorporated with our every-day language the words *telegram*, *photograph*, *lithographer*, and many others of similar derivation.

Some have advanced the opinion that the main difficulties of our present system can be removed by decimalising the different denominations; a little consideration shows the fallacy of this idea, since their decimal values must be either committed to memory, a plan which no one could be expected to undertake, or found by means of rules based on an accurate and intimate knowledge of their mutual relations; which brings us back to the necessity of learning the tables. The pound sterling alone admits of a method of decimalisation at once simple and sufficiently accurate.

In conclusion, I would respectfully call the attention of the body of teachers to the extensive and practical nature of this reform, whose progress it is in their power so greatly to advance. It is one whose beneficial influence is calculated to reach both extremes of the social scale; to give the children of the poor a better prospect of advancement during the short period of their education, to facilitate the researches of science by supplying a universal system of computation through which their results may be more readily compared; and by making the calculations of commerce more simple, to encourage the intercommunication of nations, and aid, to some degree, in the establishment of peace. We are, I think, bound to give consideration to a scheme which promises thus, and to test it by all the lights we can employ, not forgetting, perhaps, that if it receive our countenance and support, we shall be among those most benefited by its success.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



APPOINTMENTS.

EXAMINERS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased, by a Proclamation of the 28th February, 1867, to organize the Richmond Board of Examiners of School Teachers into two divisions, Roman Catholic and Protestant respectively.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 20th February, 1867, to appoint

Rev. Messrs. Hilaire Casimir Hameli, Patrick Quin and Trefflé Gouin, and Jean Baptiste Richard and Joseph Flavien Vique, Esquires, to be Members of the Catholic section of said Board of Examiners, and

The Right Honorable Adolphus Lord Aylmer, Rev. David Dunkerley and William Evans Jones, Richard Norris Webber, M. D., and Joseph Lord Goodhue, Esquires, to be Members of the Protestant section of said Board.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 25th March, 1867, to appoint Thomas Mackie, Esquire, a Member of the Protestant Section of the Richmond Board of Examiners of School Teachers, in the room and stead of the Rev. Mr. Dunkerley, resigned.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 24th January, 1867, to make the following appointments of School Commissioners:

County of l'Islet—St. Roch des Annetts: Mr. Germain Pelletier.

County of Laval—Bas de St. Martin: Messrs. Olivier Tassé, Louis Labelle, Alfred Moncion dit Lamouche, Joseph Poirier and Théophile Labelle.

County of Stanstead—Stanstead: Mr. George Pomroy.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on

the 16th February, 1867, to approve of the following appointments of School Commissioners:

County of Berthier—Berthier: Messrs. Rémi Tranchemontagne, Edouard Gendreau, Alfred Coutu, Louis Hyacinthe Ferland and Frédéric Nolin.

County of Berthier—Lavaltrie: Messrs. Edouard Moussou, Louis Prud'homme, Antoine Lacombe, Joseph Vaillant and Louis Bourgeault.

County of Chambly—Chambly: Mr. David Ménard.

County of Gaspé—St. George of Malbay: Messrs. Thomas Tapp, Hubert Tapp, George Prevel, John Dumas and Edouard Mercier.

County of Jacques Cartier—Ste. Geneviève: Mr. François Hyacinthe Brunel.

County of l'Islet—Ste. Louise: Rev. Louis Alphonse Casgrain; Messrs. Jean Baptiste Pelletier, Jean Marie Bélanger and Xavier Ouellet.

County of Lotbinière—Ste. Apollinaire: Mr. Edouard Sévigny.

County of St. Maurice—Banlieue de Trois-Rivières: Mr. Euchariste Alarie.

County of Quebec—St. Gabriel West: Messrs. James Newal Farquhar, John Gallagher and Henry Rourke.

County of Témiscouata—Trois-Pistoles: Mr. David Rioux.

County of Terrebonne—St. Sauveur: Messrs. Elie Archambault, Lambert Bélanger, Louis Loiseau, François Labrosse and Joseph Loranger.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 25th March, 1867, to approve the following nomination of a School Commissioner, viz:

County of St. Johns—St. Johns: Mr. David L'Or.

TRUSTEES OF DISSENTIENT SCHOOLS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 16th February, 1867, to approve the following appointments of School Trustees:

County of St. Johns—St. Johns: Messrs. Samuel Vaughan and George Ridley Charlton.

County of Richmond—Cleveland: Mr. Joseph Bédard.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 25th March, 1867, to approve the following nomination of a Trustee of the Dissentient Schools, viz:

County of Quebec—St. Roch South: Mr. William Sample.

NOTICE TO DIRECTORS

OF INSTITUTIONS CLAIMING AID ON THE GRANT FOR SUPERIOR EDUCATION UNDER THE ACT 19 VICT., CAP. 54.

1st. No Institution shall be entitled to, or receive any aid, unless the application therefor and the return be filed within the period prescribed, that is to say before the first day of August next. No exception will be made under any pretence whatsoever.

2nd. Acknowledgment of the receipt of such application and return will be made immediately to the party forwarding same.

3rd. Any party not receiving such acknowledgment within eight days after mailing the documents, should make enquiries at the Post Office and also at this Office, failing which, such application and return will be deemed as not having been sent in.

4th. Blank forms will be transmitted during the first fortnight in June, to all Institutions now on the list; and Institutions not receiving them during that period must apply for them at this Office.

5th. Institutions not on the list, that may be desirous of making the necessary application and return, can obtain the requisite blank forms by applying for them at this Office.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

School Commissioners and Trustees of Dissentient Schools are requested to transmit to his Office, as in duty bound, the names in full of all persons elected by the Ratepayers to fill places connected with the Public Schools in Lower Canada, together with the date of each election, whether such election took place during the month of July or at any other time. As this information is indispensable, parties not complying with the present Notice will be deprived of the grant.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Teacher's signatures attached to Semi-Annual School Reports, should invariably correspond with their names and surnames as given by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners from which they obtained the diplomas authorizing them to teach in the Public Schools of Lower Canada. Non-compliance with this Notice may, in every case, occasion the payment of the grant to be delayed or withheld.

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