

Notes and News.

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Miss Lottie M. Capron, a pupil of the Paris High School, has composed a new piece of music, entitled "The Ousely Waltzes."

Mr. James Harrison, who teaches in Downie, gives up teaching at the end of the present term. Mr. Harrison has been long in the teaching profession, having taught in Perth, Middlesex, and Oxford, and has always won the esteem of both parents and scholars and all others with whom he has come in contact. With the withdrawal of Mr. Harrison the profession will lose one who takes a deep interest in scholars both morally and intellectually.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

The Chairman of the Ingersoll Board of Education, owing to the great number of children from seven to twelve years who do not attend school, has determined unless those children are immediately sent to school to have the law respecting compulsory education rigidly enforced.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

Mr. N. S. Dunlop, White Lake, read an admirable essay on "Spelling," at the teachers' association at Arnprior and Almonte. The paper was written in the reporting style of phonography, and read with ease.

The schools at Port Rowan have a handsome and commodious building. The high school, which is most ably and energetically conducted by Mr. W. W. Rutherford, B.A., assisted by Mr. R. Alexander, has won honorable distinction for itself and attracts pupils from considerable distances. Last year eighteen of its scholars passed the intermediate examination. In the elementary departments, under Misses Abbott and Ryan, first-rate work is being done. Few places of the size have such excellent educational advantages as Port Rowan.

There is a fine school at St. Williams, under the efficient head mastership of Mr. John L. Buck, Miss Pecumer ably assisting him in the junior department. Besides a fair proportion of the scholars taking the entrance examination there is a class preparing to take intermediate papers.

Vittoria has a flourishing Mechanics' Institute with a large and thoroughly appreciated library. It has also a handsome school building in which good work is being done. Mr. A. E. Hooper is a most efficient head master, and he is well supported by Miss Curtis.

The educational wants of Welland are well supplied. The high school, under the principalship of Mr. Dunn, assisted by Mr. Bridgeman, (both teachers of many years' standing and well known ability) attracts scholars from some distance out of the town, and continues to uphold the excellent reputation it has long borne. The model school is in a highly efficient state with Mr. Grant as head master, ably assisted by Mrs. McGlashan, Byfield, and Rowan.

Mr. Lornman entered on the head mastership of the Port Robinson public school at the beginning of the year. He is young, but earnest and energetic, and cannot fail to make his mark in the profession, as he has already done in his present sphere.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. E. H. Robertson, principal of Thorold west side school. Mr. Cornforth, who was formerly mathematical master in the high school, has been invited by the school board to succeed him, and has temporarily accepted the invitation.

A handsome and commodious building has been recently erected for the separate school at Thorold.

Miss Dale has recently entered on duties as mistress of the junior department of the Thorold public school. The school is in a flourishing condition under the head mastership of Mr. Manson, who has had charge since last Christmas.

The public school at Port Colborne has by means of its annual entertainment managed to supply itself with a set of good wall maps and several other conveniences. Mr. McKay has for some time conducted the school with marked success.

The school at Victoria is doing well under the management of Mr. Burgess, who entered on duties as head master only this year.

The public school at Drummondville is one of the handsomest and most convenient in the province. It is a fine brick structure standing in a large piece of ground. In front of the school are well kept shrubs and flower beds. There are play grounds beneath the school rooms for wet and cold weather. The rooms are bright and airy, and the whole school, which is under the most efficient management of Mr. Morris, has a flourishing appearance.

The public school at Merritton has had a loss in the person of Miss Booth, who, we understand, has left to get married. Miss Bates is her successor. The school, which includes three buildings, is doing well under the head mastership of Mr. J. H. Crow, assisted by Misses Mills, Patterson, and Bates.

We learn that Mr. Kearney, the highly respected master of the separate school at Merritton, is about retiring. Mr. Kearney commenced his career as a teacher in Ireland. He came to this country in 1852, and has been teaching ever since. He has occupied his present post for seven years.

Mr. Colton, who has been for a number of years first assistant in the Central school, London, has resigned with a view of removing to the north-west. We are pleased to hear that Mr. Stewart, one of the most popular and successful teachers in the London public schools, has been appointed to the vacant position, at an increased salary. Mr. Carson, who is well known as one of the ablest teachers in the west, still retains the position of principal of the model school.

The public school at Jarvis has increased so much in numbers lately that the building it at present occupies is not large enough for its work to be carried on in anything like comfort. The school is doing admirable work under the head mastership of Mr. W. Hinds, who is one of the oldest teachers in the county, assisted by Misses Hoover and Bourne.

The Port Dover grammar and public schools are in one fine and beautifully situated building. The schools have pulled together in the matter of getting up a most successful entertainment, from the proceeds of which additions were made to the school library, and a sum was granted for the support of the Football Club. Mr. S. F. Passmore, B.A., is head master of the grammar school, and he is ably assisted by Mr. James Gray, B.A. The school is in a thoroughly sound condition; nearly twenty students are going up at the intermediate examination, and two are taking matriculation at Toronto university. The public school is under the able head mastership of Mr. W. H. Smith, assisted by Misses J. Smith and McAlloy. The latter lady has been teaching in the schools for sixteen years. She has a wonderful power for teaching and managing young children.

Mr. W. Egbert, the energetic head master of the Dunnville public school, has taken up the subject of map drawing in a most thorough and systematic way, and the result is that some most creditable pieces of work are produced in this direction. Drill and calisthenics are also a most noticeably good feature, the time of afternoon recess being generally devoted to these exercises. Mr. Egbert is ably assisted by Misses Flowers, Brown, Stevenson, and Money; and Dunnville has good reason to be proud of the way in which its public school is conducted. The high school, under Mr. Nugent, is also in a most flourishing condition, and the attention paid to music is bearing most marked and pleasing fruit.

Caledonia boasts two very fine schools. The high school, under the head mastership of Mr. Clifford Kemp, B.A., ably assisted by Messrs. Cochrane and Elliot, has about seventy scholars, more than half of whom are taking the intermediate examination. We learn that Mr. Cochrane, the mathematical master, is resigning his post in order to complete his studies at Toronto university. He will be greatly missed, and it is to be hoped that the trustees will be able to find a worthy successor to support the honourable reputation this school has so long and deservedly borne. The public school, under Mr. Frank Shoff, assisted by Misses O'Neil, Watson, and Doyle, is also in a most flourishing condition.

The public school at Hageraville has a handsome and commodious building worthy of so live a town. Mr. D. C. Beattie succeeded Mr. Philip Park in the head mastership at Christmas, and under the new management the school is thoroughly well keeping up its good name. The elder scholars show a marked proficiency in English composition, a speciality not frequently enough distinguishing our public schools. The lower departments of the school are admirably conducted by Misses Black, Stobbs, and Murray.

The public school at Fort Erie has managed, by getting up entertainments during the past few winters, to provide itself with an excellent library of over 300 volumes.

The schools in the county of Brant, under the able inspectorate of Dr. Kelly, are on the whole in a thorough state of efficiency; particularly St. George public school, in which Mr. J. C. Elliott is head master, is really a credit to the village. The trustees, parents, and guardians of the pupils deserve much praise for having such an institution for the education and training of the young.