

12 occasions in the month. The greatest daily range 710, which occurred during the storm of 29th-30th. On 29th, at 1 p.m., thunder and lightning in N. and N.W., with rain at intervals, and barometer falling slowly till 3 p.m., when it fell rapidly till after midnight, and so on till 7 a.m. on 30th, when it stood at 29.012, after which it rose slowly during the day. From 9 30 p.m. on 29th till 12 30 a.m. on 30th the lightning was very vivid and the thunder very loud, the rain falling in frequent showers of remarkable violence, the total rainfall during the storm being 1.144 inches. On 30th, at 9 30 p.m., auroral arch of light smoky appearance, stretching from N.E. to N.W., and about 15° in altitude, with thin perpendicular streams pale blue in colour. Thermometer 37° and growing colder.

PETERBORO'.--Hail, 29th, 12 40 to 1 p.m. Lightning with thunder, 6th, 9th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 29th. Very large circle round moon, 13th. Frost, 6th, 10th, 17th (hard), 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 30th. Wind storms, 3rd, 6th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 20th, 26th, 30th. Fog, 13th. Rain 3rd, 4th, 10th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 25th-27th, 29th, 30th.

GOBERICH.--Hail, 122nd. Lightning with rain, 3rd. Thunder with rain 16th. Lunar halo, 13th. Wind storms, 4th, 20th. Rain, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 15th 16th, 19th-22nd, 24th-26th, 28th-30th.

STRATFORD.--Lightning with thunder and rain, 3rd, 29th. Thunder with rain, 9th. Hail, 29th. Thunder, 2nd. Frost, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd. Fogs, 7th, 13th. Rain, 3rd, 9th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 28th-30th.

Difference of Mean Daily Temperature from normals.

Day.	Difference.	Day.	Difference.	Day.	Difference.
1	+10° 0	13	+ 0° 1	25	-5° 0
2	+10 1	14	+ 3 5	26	.....
3	+12 7	15	+ 4 5	27	+2 6
4	+ 0 3	16	- 2 6	28	-2 5
5	.....	17	-13 5	29	-5 0
6	+ 0 9	18	-12 4	30	-8 3
7	+ 0 2	19	.....	Excess of Mean Monthly Temperature over average of 14 years' -2° 87.	
8	+ 9 3	20	-11 2		
9	+11 8	21	-14 2		
10	- 8 8	22	-14 2		
11	- 8 6	23	- 9 4		
12	.....	24	- 2 5		

HAMILTON.--Frost, 23rd. Rain, 2nd, 10th, 16th, 27th, 29th.

SIMCOE.--Lightning and thunder with rain, 5th, 30th. Lightning, 3rd. Meteor in N. passed East, 2nd. Lunar halo, 11th. Frost, 18th, 23rd. Wind storms, 3rd, 26th, 27th, 30th. Fogs, 3rd, 13th. Rain, 5th, 9th, 16th, 19th, 25th, 30th. Thunder storm on 5th; very severe lightning, struck two buildings in the town.

WINDSOR.--Lightning, 5th, 29th. Meteor, 1st in S.W., 20th in S.E., 23rd in N., 24th, two in S., 26th, one N. and one S. Lunar halo, 16th. Solar halo, 18th. Frost, 21st, 24th. Wind storms, 10th, 26th. Rain, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 19th, 25th.

V. Departmental Notices.

COLLECTION OF SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS' MONEY.

As the law makes Public School Inspectors responsible for the collection and transmission of the Superannuated Teachers' money to the Education Department, they should take steps to have it promptly placed in their hands by the local treasurers for this purpose. The 95th Section of the School Act declares that:—

“Every male Teacher of a Public School, holding a certificate of qualification under the School Act, shall pay into the fund for the support of superannuated School Teachers, through the Public School Inspector, the sum of at least four dollars annually, in half yearly sums.”

Under this Section of the Act it is clear that every teacher holding a Public School certificate is required to pay into the fund at least four dollars annually in half yearly sums. In other words—so long as he holds a certificate, and whether he teaches for a longer, or shorter period in the year—say a month, six months, or the entire year—he becomes indebted to the fund at least four dollars for that year, payable half yearly.

As to the duty of the Inspector, the law prescribes that he shall:—

“Give to any qualified Teacher . . . a cheque . . . for any sum of money apportioned and due to the Section, after deducting the Teachers' superannuation moneys payable by the male Teachers of the Section.”

Thus it is clear that it is the duty of the Inspector, at any time before giving a cheque “to any qualified Teacher” (male or female), to deduct from the money due the Section for the time during which a male Teacher may have taught in it, the sum payable by that male Teacher who may have taught in the section during the period for which the money is payable. It matters not whether the male Teacher concerned was previously paid in full by the Trustees or not, the money must be deducted by the Inspector.

The municipal treasurer is, by the 102nd Section, required to:—

“Pay over to the order of the Inspector the amount of money . . . which said Inspector has deducted, as required by law . . . or which is due and payable by any male Teacher to the fund.”

In order to insure punctuality and regularity in collecting and transmitting this superannuation money to the Department the simplest and most satisfactory plan for the Inspector to adopt is:—to make out at the end of each half year, a list of the male Teachers under his jurisdiction, with the names of the Sections or School Divisions in which they may have taught in, whether or not such Teachers may have taught one, two, or six months of such half year. The Inspector should then send this list with his order to the municipal school treasurer for the whole amount of superannuation money due by the Teachers mentioned on that list. Should the Treasurer neglect or refuse to comply promptly with the request or order of the Inspector for this money, he should without delay take measures to compel the Treasurer to comply with the provisions of the law on the subject.

As in cities, towns and villages the law makes it the duty of the Inspector to sign all cheques payable to Teachers for salaries, he has it in his power to ensure a prompt transmission, through the local agency of the Bank of Commerce or Bank of Montreal, of the superannuation money due and payable to the Department at the end of each half year.

THIRD-CLASS TEACHERS' LENGTH OF SERVICE.

A practice neither contemplated nor authorized by law has sprung up in certain High Schools, to which the attention of Public School Inspectors is specially called. The regulations provide that “a Teacher holding a third-class certificate may be eligible, in less than three years for examination for a second-class certificate on the special recommendation of his County Inspector.” The intention of this regulation was that when an Inspector in visiting Schools found that a Teacher in actual service, holding a third-class certificate was really an efficient Teacher, and competent to govern a School well, such Teacher might be permitted before the three years' probation had expired, to prepare himself for examination for a higher grade. It was also designed to meet the special cases of Teachers of some experience coming from other countries, to whom a three years' probation as third-class teachers would be an unnecessary hardship. In these two classes of cases alone were Inspectors authorized to exercise a wise discretion and to permit such Teachers to compete for a higher rank in their profession in Ontario, before the expiration of three years the probation fixed by the regulations.

In some cases, however, which have come under the notice of the Department, Inspectors have not acted on this view of the case, but have allowed pupils of High Schools holding third-class certificates to compete for second-class certificates, apparently on account of what additional literary qualifications they may have been able to acquire during a brief attendance at such a High School. Sometimes such pupils have been permitted to act as monitors for a short time, &c.

The rule to be observed in future in all these cases, must be that none but third-class teachers in actual service, of the required age, and who evince in their Schools special aptitude for teaching and government, shall be eligible for recommendation by Inspectors for second-class certificates, before the expiration of their three years' probation.

PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

In addition to the list already published, the following gentlemen received Second Class, Grade B. Certificates:

- Thomas O. Allan Simcoe.
- Thomas C. Atkinson Simcoe.

OTTAWA NORMAL SCHOOL, JANUARY ADMISSIONS.

As the classes in the Ottawa Normal School are not filled, additional students will be received after the Christmas vacation.

Candidates will be required to be sufficiently proficient