

September next, to James Dougall, Esq., Amherstburgh, who, with Mr. A. Young, of Port Sarnia, are hereby constituted judges. The successful essay will be published in the *Advocate* as well as in the *Tract form*. It will also probably be re-published extensively in *BRITAIN*.

N. B.—It is to be observed, that the premiums given for Agricultural Essays, do not come out of the funds of the Temperance Society, but are given for the purpose by a private individual.

EXTRACTING GREASE SPOTS.—One of the best methods of doing this, where drops have fallen on dresses, books, &c., is to place magnesia on the spot, rub it in, cover it with clean paper, and place over this a warm iron. The grease will combine with the magnesia, and be thus removed. Finely powdered chalk will do, but is not equal to magnesia. Repeated operations, or applications of magnesia, may be necessary where considerable grease has fallen.

EDUCATION.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMON SCHOOL ACT.

SECTION—1. Repeals all former Acts repugnant to this.

II. Provides a permanent Fund, to consist of the proceeds, whether by Sale or Lease, of all Lands which may be granted for the support of Common Schools, and certain other sums hereafter specified; to be invested in safe and profitable securities.

III. Appropriates a Common School Fund of £50,000, to be distributed amongst the several Districts annually; said Fund to consist of the revenue arising from the permanent Fund, as far as it goes, and the balance to be made up from the Provincial revenue.

IV. The Governor to appoint a Superintendent of Education, to hold office during pleasure, salary not exceeding £750, who shall divide the money annually granted among the Municipal Districts, in the ratio of the number of children over five and under sixteen years in each, as established by last census. He is to visit annually each Municipal District and ascertain the state of the Common Schools therein; to prepare suitable forms and communicate the same to all persons requiring them; and to submit annually to the Governor, by the 31st of December, of each year, a Report on the actual state of the Common Schools throughout the Province.

V. District Councils to be Boards of Education: 1st. To divide Townships and Parishes into School Districts, no School District to have fewer than fifteen children between the ages of five and sixteen. 2nd. To apportion to each School District its share of the School Fund, according to the number of children resident in it, between the above mentioned ages. 3rd. To assess on the inhabitants of each School District £50 for the erection of a School House where none exists. 4th. To apportion to each Township and Parish a sum not exceeding £10 in one year to purchase School books. 5th. To Report to the Superintendent by the 1st Monday in December of each year.

VI. If any District Council refuse or neglect to comply with the foregoing requirements, that District shall not be entitled to receive any part of the School Fund, till they comply, or show good and sufficient cause for none compliance.

VII. Five Common School Commissioners to be elected for every Township or Parish entitled to elect one District Councilor; and seven for every Township or Parish entitled to elect two. Commissioners duties shall be—1st. To choose, and, whenever Funds are provided by District Council, to acquire a site for a School House where none exists: to make an estimate of the cost of such site, and the expense of building and keeping in repair said School House; also the cost of furnishing each Common School, in the Township or Parish, with fuel and appendages; and to transmit such estimates to the Clerk of the District Council, in order that the inhabitants of said District may be assessed accordingly. 2d. To appoint for each School District one or more of their number to superintend the building and repairing of Common School in said District, and the furnishing it with fuel

and other things necessary, and generally to manage the concerns of the School; and Report to the School Commissioners on or before the first Monday in March, June, September, and December, the state of such School; the amount received for it; the manner in which said amount has been expended; the number of children of the prescribed ages taught in it, and the number of days that each child has attended. 3d. To agree with and appoint Teachers, and remove them upon just cause. Provided the Teachers be subjects of Her Majesty, by birth or naturalization, (*Freres de la Doctrine Chretienne excepted*), of good moral character, and examined by the Commissioners as to ability. 4th. To regulate for each School respectively the course of study, and books to be used therein; and to establish general rules for the conduct of Schools, and communicate them to the Teachers. 5th. To determine matters of dispute which may arise respecting Common Schools, in their Township or Parish. 6th. To appoint two or more of their number to visit each Common School in the Township or Parish, at least once a month, and to report the state of all matters connected with the management and well-being of such School. 7th. To grant warrants on District Treasurer to pay the Teachers, and defray the expenses of the Common Schools under their charge; said warrants to be signed by a majority of Commissioners, of which the Chairman shall be one, and not to exceed the amount appropriated by law. 8th. To exonerate such poor persons as they may see fit, not exceeding ten, in each School District, from the payment of wages of Teachers. 9th. To Record all their Proceedings. 10th. To Report to the District Council annually, on or before the third Monday in November, in the form to be furnished by Superintendent of Education. 11th. To deliver up every thing connected with their office to their Successors.

VIII. Commissioners to continue in office until the annual Parish or Township meeting next following their election, or until others are elected; vacancies to be filled up by Commissioners.

IX. Common School Houses with the ground whereon they are situated, appendages, furniture, &c., shall vest in Commissioners for the time being as Trustees. No School House or any thing pertaining to it to be sold, otherwise than by consent of a majority of Commissioners, Chairman being one.

X. Township or Parish Collector to collect all rates assessed for the support of Common Schools within his Township or Parish, and also the sum of one shilling and three pence as additional wages for the Teacher, for each and every child attending any School, (except those exempted from poverty,) said rates recoverable by law. District Treasurer to keep separate account with each School District.

XI. A minority of the inhabitants of any Township or Parish professing a religious faith different from the majority, may elect a Trustee or Trustees, who shall be vested with the authority and be subject to the obligations of School Commissioners, and grant warrants upon District Treasurer for the due proportion of the Funds, according to their numbers.

XII. No School to receive any money from Common School Fund unless open at least nine months in the year, and attended by at least fifteen scholars; nor unless reports be regularly made, and at least an equal sum paid by the inhabitants, towards the support of said School. Commissioners may, however, with consent of District Council, exempt not exceeding two School Districts on account of poverty from the necessity of complying with the above requirements.

XIII. All monies that remain unapplied for or unpaid, by reason of non-compliance with requirements of this Act, to form part of permanent School Fund.

XIV. False Certificates or Reports punishable by fine and distress.

XV. In Cities and Towns Corporate, Corporation to be in the room and stead of District Council.

XVI. In Cities and Towns Corporate, Governor to appoint not less than six nor more than fourteen persons (one half in all cases to be Roman Catholics, and the other half Protestants) to be a Board of Examiners. Mayor to be Chairman, with no vote except a casting vote, Roman Catholic and Protestant Schools to be under the members of the Board of their own faith respectively; mixed Schools to be under the whole Board; said Examiners