

of Common School Education in this County with what it was a few years ago, and with what it now is in many parts of this Province, we have great reason to be proud of the position which we occupy; while we are fully sensible that much of our progress is due to the faithful and unwearied exertions of C. Scarlett, Esq., Local Superintendent; that we are entirely satisfied that the system of appointing County, instead of Township, Superintendents must act beneficially on both teachers and their schools; and that, as trustees and teachers, we hope that the esteemed Superintendent of this County may for many years be continued in the office, the duties of which he has so long and ably discharged.—*Com.*

— **HAMILTON SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.**—The public examination of the Hamilton schools took place on the 20th December. The Grammar School, under Dr. Blackman, the Central School, under Principal Macallum, and the various Ward or Primary Schools in connection therewith, were visited by large numbers of the parents and friends of the pupils. The examinations were thorough and satisfactory in all departments in the higher divisions of the Central School, some of the scholars displayed a proficiency which betokens a high degree of usefulness in after-life. The classical and mathematical studies in the Grammar School have been mastered by the pupils to an extent which has fully demonstrated the wisdom of the School Trustees in dividing this department from the Common Schools. The St. Patrick's Separate School also underwent a public examination. The first division of boys, under Mr. Shea, have made great progress during the past year in Latin, mathematics, and the other branches of an English education. The other divisions gave no less promising evidences of improvement. The St. Mary's Separate School also underwent its examination. There are four divisions—two of boys and two of girls—numbering in all about 250 pupils, whose general appearance and bearing gave token of perfect discipline. The R. C. bishop, and several of the trustees and others, attended; and at the conclusion expressed themselves much gratified with the proficiency displayed.—Upon the whole there is much reason for satisfaction at the present efficient condition of the public schools in this city, and the children have well earned their holidays.—*Hamilton Correspondence to the Leader.*

— **HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL.**—On the 18th January, a meeting was convened by the chairman of the Board of Common School Trustees, to consult the rate-payers as to the propriety of surrendering the Central School building for the use of the soldiers, but the decision of the rate-payers was adverse to the surrender of the building. Under these circumstances, the liberal sums subscribed by our wholesale merchants and others, intended at first to defray the expenses of providing for the Central School Scholars in other buildings will now, it is supposed, be applied to provide for the military. This appears to be far preferable to the original idea of breaking up the Central School, which might have been productive of serious injury to the interests of the City.

— **LAVAL UNIVERSITY.—VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.**—On Tuesday, the 26th November, His Excellency Lord Monck, Lady Monck, and suite, visited the Quebec Seminary and Laval University. On entering the Seminary the distinguished party was received by the Superior and Directors of the institution, and conducted to the public hall, where His Lordship, Monsieur de Tloa, Administrator of the R. C. Diocese of Quebec, was in waiting, surrounded by the Priests of the Seminary and a number of other clergymen. There also, the pupils of the Seminary, to the number of 400, were assembled. A throne, surmounted by a beautiful canopy of gold and damask, had been prepared for their Excellencies, and when they had taken their places, an address was presented to them in the name of the pupils of the Quebec Seminary. An address to Lady Monck was also read by one of the youngest scholars present; and to both addresses, as well as to the solicitation of one of the pupils who prayed for a holiday for himself and his brethren, His Excellency replied in fitting terms, expressive of the interest which he took in the progress and welfare of his young hearers. The distinguished party then, at the solicitation of the Superior, visited the principal apartments of the Seminary—the recreation and class rooms, the chapel of the Congregation and the Seminary chapel. The visit to the Seminary being thus terminated, their Excellencies proceeded to the Laval University. The Rector, accompanied by the Doctors and Professors of the University, met them at the door and conducted them to the reception room, where a number of ladies and gentlemen, who had been invited to accompany their Excellencies in their visit to the University, were assembled. Their Excellencies then proceeded to the great hall of the University which presented a most imposing *coup d'œil*. This hall, which is undoubtedly the largest and

most beautiful in the city, had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. It was richly carpeted throughout its whole extent, while banners suspended from the galleries or tastefully draped above the throne, added to the effect. The students of the different Faculties of the University, in full academic costume, were ranged on both sides of the entrance. When their Excellencies had taken their places the Rector came forward and presented the following address, in the name of the University:—"To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Governor General of Canada. May it please your Excellency:—The safe arrival of Your Excellency and Lady Monck, in our midst, after the dangers of a long voyage, has been a cause of great joy for all the inhabitants of this Province. The Laval University could not remain isolated from this universal joy, and it is therefore with pleasure we embrace this opportunity of tendering to Your Excellency the homage of our respect and our felicitations. If our prayers are heard, the time which Your Excellency may spend in Canada will be for yourself and your family a period of true happiness. The interests which Her Majesty takes in the prosperity of her numerous subjects, and the choice which she has made of Your Excellency among the many distinguished men of the United Kingdom, are to us a guarantee that the Government of this Province could not have been confided to more skilful hands. And it is therefore with sentiments of the most profound respect and the most lively gratitude that we hail, in your person, the worthy representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign to whom this University is indebted for its charter. This consideration should assure Your Excellency of the zealous support of all the inhabitants of this vast Province; and we assure Your Excellency that the Rector, Professors, and Students of Laval University consider it a matter of honor and duty to yield to no one in this respect. Your Excellency will see, assembled in this hall, with their Professors, the different classes of our studious youth who are preparing, in silence and study, to occupy, at some future day, high positions in the different ranks of Canadian Society. Encouraged by this mark of condescension which Your Excellency has conferred upon them—all have resolved to increase their zeal and ardor to become one day useful members of the country which now acknowledges you as its chief, and as the personification of its unity, force and hope for the future. In working earnestly to deserve still more the favour of Your Excellency we believe we are all working for our country; and in our prayers for the happiness of that country, we cannot but associate with it the names of Your Excellency, Lady Monck, and family." His Excellency replied, in his usual happy manner, in the following terms:—"Gentlemen,—I thank you for the manner in which you felicitate Lady Monck and myself on our arrival in Canada. The Queen, our August Sovereign, has been graciously pleased to appoint me her representative in this Province—I accept, therefore, the homage which you have tendered me, as being offered to Her Gracious Majesty rather than to myself. You, also, gentlemen, occupy a very important position, full of difficulties and demanding great zeal, indefatigable energy, and profound devotedness. I hope and feel certain that your labors will be rewarded in seeing the young men whose education you have undertaken, and whom I now see around me, becoming every day more diligent and more convinced of the importance of profiting by the liberal education which is offered them here; so that when they leave the University, they may show themselves worthy of it, and may sustain the high reputation which it has already acquired." Their Excellencies then visited the splendid library, the lecture-rooms, the different museums, and other departments of the University, in all which they manifested a lively interest. They then took their departure, their visit having lasted a little more than an hour.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

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