

WINDSOR is to have a new high school. The Government has condemned the present school building as unsafe.

SAMPLES of map drawing and specimens of penmanship are being sent from Gravenhurst School to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition at London, England.

MR. J. E. TOM, formerly of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, and son of James Tom, of Exeter, has been appointed public school inspector for West Huron.

JULES FERRY, Minister of Public Education, France, has caused Herbert Spencer's great work on education to be translated for free distribution in the public schools of France.

DELHI has petitioned the county council to appoint arbitrators to enlarge its school limits, the Township Council of Middleton having declined to act, although requested by the trustees to do so.

THE average attendance at the Nottawa Public School is: Senior department, 44; junior department, 30. The inspector in his last report wrote: "It is abundantly manifest that provision must be made for a permanent second teacher in this school."

THE Orillia Public School Trustees last week summoned a meeting of the ratepayers to consider the question of increased school accommodation. Mayor McCosh presided. As the board had no proposition to lay before the meeting, nothing practical resulted.

DESPITE the fact that the mercury stood a long way below zero, the teachers of Norfolk assembled in large numbers at the Simcoe School, to share in the proceedings of the county institute. Nearly one hundred teachers were registered, of whom seventy were actually in charge of schools.

THE books for the library of the Ridgeway High School are to hand, and are now at the custom house. In the course of a few days these books, to the value of \$140, will be in their places and will no doubt prove a source of pleasure and profit to those connected with the high school.

ATTENDANCE at the Essex Centre High School has increased from 19 to 33, all being from outside the town. One pupil is from Peterborough. In order that the physical development of the boys may keep pace with their mental progress a football club has been formed with Principal Weir as president.

THE East Middlesex Teachers' Association will be held on the 11th and 12th of March. Dr. McLellan will be present and take the usual work of the institute—director of the meeting. Besides the H. S. Entrance Literature for July, 1886, which will be discussed, botany will be taken up by Mr. R. Elliott, psychology by Mr. Dearness, and drawing by Mr. J. M. Johnston.

INSPECTOR JOHNSON'S monthly report of the public schools of Belleville shows that the number of scholars registered in the different schools during January were 1,299 the greatest number since 1882, when it was 1,336. The average attendance this month was 1,041; in Jan., 1882, 1,050. These are the highest figures given for the past eight years.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

THE East Kent Teachers' Association met at Ridgeway on the 11th and 12th of February, and had a most interesting session. On the evening of Thursday, Dr. McLellan, Government Director

of Institutes, lectured to a large audience in the Methodist church. We hear on all hands commendation of the lecture. The teachers who attended the association speak highly of the institute last week as the best ever held here.

THE High School at Picton has been lately rapidly progressing. During the last half-year the attendance was 110, a number which kept the three teachers more than fully occupied. At the New Year a fourth teacher was obtained and the attendance soon ran up to 140. The philosophical and chemical apparatus, maps, globes, etc., of this school are abundant and excellent, the total equipment being valued at over \$500.

THE newspaper is a powerful auxiliary of public schools. During a discussion, "Teachers' Reading," at a recent meeting of teachers' association, several teachers bore testimony to the fact that the best readers among their pupils belong, as a rule, to families that took newspapers; and that the children of parents who took no newspapers appeared at a disadvantage when compared with their more privileged companions.—*Embro Courier*.

THE *Acton Free Press* says: Many of the public school trustees neglect a very important part of their official duties, for they fail to make regular, if any, visits to the schools under their supervision. The public school inspector's report to the county council at its last meeting showed that a large proportion of the school trustees in this county never visit the schools at all. This is certainly not as it should be, for the trustees should visit their schools regularly, and by this means ascertain how and where changes may be effected by which the school can be improved and the children's interests advanced.

THE Orillia District Teachers' Association met in the public school building last week. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a number of teachers were prevented from attending. The forenoon was occupied in discussing the method of teaching elementary arithmetic. Some of the points touched on were: 1. That the idea of number should be given to the child by means of objects. 2. That the different combinations up to 9 should be taught by objects. 3. That the combinations from 9 to 19 should be taught without objects. 4. That the combinations from 20 upwards should be taught by final endings. The teaching of English and reading was discussed in the afternoon.

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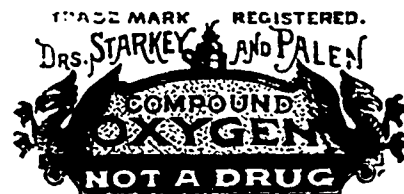
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