

Daniel R. Lucklam has engaged to teach S. S. No. 2, Malden, next year, at a salary of \$450. C. H. Fuller, the present teacher, resigned some time ago.

It is said that, hereafter, there will be but one grade of non-professional second-class certificates; but that the grade a teacher secures will depend on his teaching ability, shown at the Normal.

Mr. Row, lately appointed to take charge of the Ingersoll Model School, is to remain in Kingston. Mr. McDiarmid, late of Cobourg, secured the situation.

The people of Dutton are in earnest about having a High School. We understand that the trustees have decided to erect a new building at once.

It is worthy of note that not many councils throughout the country have decided to hold the elections for school trustees on the same day as municipal elections.—*London Free Press*.

The people of Shedden now have excellent school accommodation. An additional room has been provided, and a second teacher will be engaged at Christmas, when we expect Shedden school to be one of the best in the country.—*Dutton Enterprise*.

An Orillia gentleman complained to the trustees the other day that the teacher had unnecessarily whipped his child, but his appeal was not entertained. The Dutton teacher was recently fined for beating a pupil.

It is evident some better system of examining papers should be secured by the Minister of Education. Nearly every one who appeals to Government on the results of the teachers' examination is successful.—*London Free Press*.

The village of Aylmer will in a short time possess an educational institution equal to almost any in the country, some \$8,000 having been voted by the ratepayers for the construction of a High School building in the village.

According to the Brockville Recorder, Inspector Hughes says that the first six months of a child's education in the schools in Toronto is conducted without books or tablets. Instead of these, slates and blackboards are used.

The dates of the meeting of the Norfolk Teachers' Association in Simcoe have been changed from Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th, to Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, owing to Thanksgiving day falling on the 12th, and to the fact that Dr. McLellan could not be present if the convention was held in that week.

The Brockville Public School Board re-appointed all their present staff of teachers for next year, except Mrs. Dodge, who has resigned. Miss Carson has leave of absence till the end of the year on account of sickness, and Miss Boyd fills her place. The latter will then take Mrs. Dodge's place on the regular staff.

At Chatham a class of 175 is learning the Tonic Sol-fa method of singing, under the instruction of Prof. Freela d. Prof. Cringan, of England, who holds the highest certificate from the Tonic Sol-fa College, gave an exemplification of the system at the convention held recently in Chatham. He intends visiting Toronto, we are told!

We have received from the Education Department, copies of circulars recently issued referring to exhibits of Educational Statistics of the Province. Photographs or suitable sketches of the various Educational Institutions, &c., which the Minister is desirous of sending to the Colonial and Indian Exposition, London, 1886; also respecting the work of the Ontario School of Art, Toronto, for the ensuing year, but they are crowded out this week, together with other matter in type.

The High School question again came before the School Board (Beaverton) on Monday evening. The various members of the Board are unanimous in the opinion that the school is in an excellent position for this addition to the village. Certainly we have every facility both in point of school premises and in accommodation for the successful maintenance of a first-class school. The Board should submit the matter to the people and make the question a reality so that it may be acted on at an early day.—*Woodville Advocate*.

The School Trustees of Scarborough Village have re-engaged Mr. W. H. Bean, at an advance of salary, which is now \$490. Last year they increased it \$50, which plainly goes to show their appreciation of Mr. Bean's faithful services. The pupils of his school have evidently evidenced their esteem, by presenting Mr. Bean with a handsome cushion for his study chair. Since he took charge five pupils have

passed the entrance examination and one has taken first year work at Brantford Young Ladies' College.

Mr. Wark, head master, Sarnia Public School, reported to his Board of Education that some of the pupils refused to attend the music lesson, alleging the authority of their parents for doing so, and he therefore requested the instruction of the Board in the matter. It was resolved that as vocal music is now one of the recognized subjects of study in the Public and High School programme, and the Board having provided a competent teacher of vocal music for the schools, no pupil shall be excused from attendance during the music hour unless by resolution of the Board, for special and valid reasons.

On the recommendation of the school inspector the North Hastings Teachers' Association, at its recent meeting, resolved to present a diploma, signed by the President and Secretary, to the successful candidates at the examination for admission to High Schools who, in each municipality, gets the highest aggregate of marks, and also similar diplomas to the two successful candidates in each municipality who get the highest aggregate of marks at the examination for promotion to fourth class. These diplomas will be beautifully printed in colors, and will be presented publicly at the next meeting of the Association after the examinations. The answers of all candidates for promotion to the fourth class are read and valued by a committee appointed by the Association.—*Stirling News-Argus*.

Two new teachers were engaged, and new rooms opened, Oct 1st, in Petrolia, making twelve departments in the Public School. The following teachers retire from Petrolia schools at the end of the year:—Miss Cony, owing to ill-health. Her place will be filled by Miss Dibb. Miss McRobie will go to the Normal School. Her sister will sur her place. The following is the staff and salaries for 1886:—Mr. S. C. Woodworth, \$800; Miss Langton, \$400; Miss Dibb, \$340; Miss McDougall, \$340; Miss Reynolds, Miss Ross, Mrs. Harley, Miss Dawson, Miss McRobie, Miss Cameron, Miss Buchanan, Miss Moss, \$240. Attendance of Petrolia Public School for October:—Number on roll, 820; average attendance, 667.

Mr. Jaques has been re-engaged as principal of the Perth Public School at a salary of \$750, being an increase of \$50. For the position of teacher in the third department, Miss Emma McKinley was appointed at a salary of \$200. For the vacancies in the Collegiate Institute there were 50 applicants. R. R. Cochrane, B.A., of Port Arthur, was appointed principal, at a salary of \$1,000; M. M. Logan, B.A., of Hamilton, was appointed classical master, at \$800; Mr. Lochead, B.A., English and science master, at \$700, and Mr. D. E. Smith, modern language master, at \$850. A proposition to re-engage Mr. Rothwell as principal at a salary of \$1,100 was lost by a majority of 4 votes out of 12. A petition signed by 85 pupils of the Collegiate Institute, asking to re-engage Mr. Rothwell, was presented to the Board of Education.

The Emiskillen Public School township board of trustees advertise for 23 new teachers, applications received up to 28th November. Emiskillen is one of the few townships in Ontario where the schools are managed the same as municipal affairs. A board of five members is chosen, and they manage all school matters in the township. Some of the advantages claimed by this system are:—1st. That taxes are uniform. 2nd. Each school can have a teacher suitable for its pupils. 3rd. Local jealousies are not so bitter. 4th. The school is generally not so much under the rule of one man. 5th. Good teachers are retained longer. The system has been in force for nearly twenty years, and is very popular, several efforts to defeat it having been defeated by large majorities. Now buildings are erected as required, and the taxes are not felt so severely as in the rural board system. Salaries range from \$300 to \$550, the schools being all rural. A teacher who does his work well is always sure of a situation somewhere in the township, as at the meeting of the board in November all those whom the board wishes to retain are engaged, and all vacancies are filled by application from outside.

The question of awarding scholarships as prizes for successful competition in college and university examinations is once more up for discussion. The usual plan of awarding them is to decide between candidates on the results of a written examination. This is very objectionable, partly because it puts a premium on "cramming" the contents of text books and lectures, partly because it squanders money that might be devoted to some more useful purpose, but chiefly because it tends to demoralize the student by holding out a mean and ignoble inducement to study. The practice of awarding scholarships in this way is defended on the ground that they afford aid to needy students, that they become the mean,