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X. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

— THE CANADA DIRECTORY.—*A Gift to Her Majesty*.—We had the pleasure of examining a very beautiful specimen of Canadian art the other day. Our enterprising citizen, Mr. John Lovell, was desirous of adding to Her Majesty's library a copy of the recent edition of "The Canada Directory," and accordingly applied in the usual course, for permission to make the presentation. This permission having been promptly given, Mr. Lovell is about forwarding a handsomely bound copy. We are glad that Mr. Lovell has taken this step. His Directory is a credit to the Province. It will do much for its advancement; and it is matter of regret that a great public good should be accomplished at the expense of a private loss, as we have every reason to believe will be the case with regard to the Directory. The public ought yet to intervene—enterprise should be encouraged. The volume destined for Her Majesty is creditable to Canadian art, and its contents will, when contrasted with the edition of 1851—previously presented to Prince Albert—tell the tale of Canadian progress, while its whole appearance will be a witness to the advancement in refinement of this our country. The volume, too, is a Canadian one; the paper is Canadian, and the typography and binding are executed in Mr. Lovell's own establishment. The volume—elegantly bound in morocco, richly gilt, and with its first pages of rich white satin—is accompanied by the Directory Map of Canada, stretched on a sheet of white satin, and tastefully bound at the edges with ribbon, and enclosed in a handsome morocco case, bearing on the inside leaf, as does the Directory also, the Royal Arms. The execution of the whole book and map is a credit to Canada, and the volume is indeed a fitting gift to royalty—such an one as Her Majesty may worthily receive from one of her loyal Canadian subjects.

The presentation is a well timed one, and we doubt not that this portly Canada Directory, so skillfully ornate, will do much to give to our gracious Sovereign some faint idea of this great country, which has been fitly styled one of the brightest jewels of the British Crown, and over which she has been called to wield her gentle sway.—*Montreal Gazette*.

— CANADIAN DECIMAL COINAGE.—The public will receive with satisfaction the information communicated in the following paragraph, which we take from the *Montreal Gazette*:

"From a conviction of the great importance of having at once a Canadian Decimal Coinage to represent the new mode of accounting, we have taken pains to enquire how soon and in what form we are likely to have it, and we are now enabled, on the best authority, to state that Mr. Wyon, Medallist to the Royal Mint, has prepared the design for the following pieces:

In Silver,—20 cents,

" 10 cents,

" 5 cents,

In Bronze,—1 cent.

"The 20 cent piece is intended to be equivalent to 5.066 grains of English standard gold, and will be coined of 71.73 grains of English standard silver. The cent piece will be of the weight of the one-hundredth part of the pound avoirdupois. The coinage, we have already stated, will represent the head of Her Majesty on one side; on the other will be letters describing the denomination of the piece. For the last eight years a Canadian Decimal Coinage has been at times talked of—since Mr. Hincks's abortive attempt of 1850 to establish a Mint in Canada. We believe the public may now be positively assured they are about to receive it at last."

— COINING AT THE ROYAL MINT.—In former times, when the coinage was in the hands of the company of moneyers, and the machinery of the Mint was worked by them, the production of 1,000,000 sovereigns a month was considered an extraordinary accomplishment. The late sudden demand for sovereigns has put to the test the capabilities of the establishment and the efficiency of its machinery under the existing system, and the result has been most creditable to the officers and men employed in this important department. 3,000,000 sovereigns have been coined and forwarded to the Bank of England within five weeks; and, in one week, not less than 840,000 have been turned out—a feat altogether unexampled in the history of the coinage.—*Civil Service Gazette*.

XI. Departmental Notices.

NORMAL SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Trustees desirous of employing Normal School Teachers should apply forthwith, as the present Session of the Normal School closes the 15th of April. In every case, the Trustees should state whether they desire a Male or Female Teacher, of what Class, and the amount of Salary they are prepared to offer.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law. Remittances must not be in less sums than five dollars.

PRIZES IN SCHOOLS.

The Chief Superintendent will grant one hundred per cent. upon all sums not less than five dollars transmitted to him by Municipalities or Boards of School Trustees for the purchase of books or reward cards for distribution as prizes in Grammar and Common Schools.

SCHOOL MAPS AND APPARATUS.

The Chief Superintendent will add 100 per cent. to any sum or sums, not less than five dollars, transmitted to the Department from Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required by the Trustees. In all cases it will be necessary for any person, acting on behalf of the Trustees, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Trustees. A selection of articles to be sent can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

PENSIONS—SPECIAL NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent, without delay, if they have not already done so, their annual subscription of \$4, commencing with 1854. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "that no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum." This proviso of the law will be strictly enforced in all cases; and intimation is thus early given to all Teachers, who have not yet sent in their subscriptions, to enable them to comply with the law, and so prevent future misunderstanding or disappointment, when application is made to be placed as a pensioner on the fund.

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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION.—COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Supplementary Examination of such Teachers only who were unable, for satisfactory reasons, to attend the last Public Examination in August, 1857, will be held at the County Court House, Toronto, on FRIDAY, 26th March, instant, at half-past Nine o'clock.

Toronto, 4th March, 1858.

JOHN JENNINGS, Chairman.

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