

Of the balance, \$1,000 has been bearing 3 per cent. interest since 22nd January ; the remainder \$747.07, stands to your credit in the Bank of Montreal.

The Board has directed the Hon. Secretary to supply all the schools with additional furniture and apparatus, some of which is now ordered.

The Board has also had under consideration the advisability of providing increased accommodation for school sections Nos. 9 and 2, but in view of the fact that petitions have been received from many of the residents of the "Stone Ridge" and "Red Line," Methodist school sections, requesting the Board to supply them with schools, no decision has been arrived at, and consequently the funds have been held in reserve.

The yards at schools Nos. 7 and 9 were planted with young trees this spring.

In December last the Board sustained a great loss through the death of its chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon Nelles, who, for upwards of half a century, had constantly and earnestly labored for the advancement of education amongst the Six Nation Indians. It is gratifying to know that he was spared to see the realization of his desires in the excellent school system now thoroughly established, the Board having eight well equipped schools, all under the instruction of qualified and trained native teachers.

The vacancy at the Board caused by the death of Archdeacon Nelles remains to be filled by some one to be appointed by the New England Company.

The following changes in the teaching staff have taken place during the year:—

Mr. P. H. Martin, S. S. No. 10, resigned to enter a medical school as student.

Mr. David Hill was transferred from S. S. No. 7 to S. S. No. 6, which latter was re-opened upon my recommendation in September last. He was meeting with very fair success, but resigned his charge without notice in June. No successor has been appointed.

Mrs. Johnson's, late Miss Latham, services as teacher of S. S. No. 5, were discontinued in January.

Appointments:—

Miss E. Johnson, Mohawk Institute Certificate, to S. S. No. 7.

Mrs. A. Foster do do do do 10.

Miss E. Goosie do do do do 5.

Miss F. Maracle, S. S. No. 3, and Miss S. Davis, S. S. No. 3, received \$25 increase of salary from the 1st April.

I accompanied Dr. Kelly, County Inspector, and Col. Gilkison, Chairman of the Board, when the former named gentleman inspected and examined the schools just before the commencement of the summer vacations. The schools were in good order and the pupils passed their examinations creditably.

As the Inspector's report will be presented in due course, I omitted my usual annual examinations this year, but intend hereafter to hold them prior to the visit of the County Inspector.

Appended is a tabular statement of the attendance at the various schools.

At the close of the year 366 children of the Six Nations were attending the Board schools, 13 attending schools amongst the whites, their fees being paid by the Board, and 55 were attending the Mohawk Institution;—total 434.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours obediently,

ROBERT ASHTON,

Hon. Sec. and Inspector.