

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

CANADA.

—Mr. John Dearness who has succeeded Mr. Groat as Inspector for East Middlesex, laid before the County Council at its recent session an interesting and able report. The total expenditure for the past year in the Division is \$53,200.38. The highest salary paid a male teacher was \$600; highest paid female teacher \$500; lowest paid to male and female \$200. There are altogether 95 teachers, and they are, as a body, zealous in their profession. The total number of pupils is 9,218; average 3,777. Mr. Dearness makes a number of valuable suggestions in his report.

The *Journal of Education* for November gives the following summary of the provisions of the new School Law, showing the duty of the Trustees of every Public School in regard to the "compulsory" requirements of the School Act. First. They are required to employ a suitable person to take a school census of the sections, division, or municipality, once a year. Second.—The person who takes the censuses must distinguish in the census roll the names of the children who have not been sent to school or otherwise instructed for at least four months of the year, then next preceeding. Third.—The Trustees must either: (1.) Summons before a magistrate the parent or guardian of the children who have not been sent to school or who have not been otherwise educated during those four months, to answer for such neglect, or they they must: (2.) Impose and collect a rate bill of not more than a dollar per child, for every month of neglect. Should the Trustees refuse or neglect to give effect to the compulsory provisions of the Act, they will render themselves personally liable, at the suit of any ratepayer, for the amount of money lost to the school section or division, either from the non-attendance at the school of the absent children, or from the failure of the Trustees to impose and collect the prescribed rate bill for such non-attendance.

UNITED STATES.

—Advice from New Orleans tells us that the board of school-directors call on the

city for a half million dollars for the public schools this year.

—In the public schools of Tennessee the total number of white male pupils is 163,140, females 155,398; colored males 53,004, females 54,852. The total scholastic population reported last year was 418,185, the population this year 420,384. In one county (Fayette) the negro pupils outnumber the whites.

—A correspondent, writing from Camden, Ala., says, "All educational matters are at a low ebb in this state, except in a few cities and towns. Public schools are struggling between life and death, with a preponderance just now on the side of death. The penny-wise and pound-foolish system prevails."

—Ezra Cornell, the founder of Cornell University, died on the 9th of Dec., 1874. His health has been impaired by the pressure of public cares and duties. His donations to Cornell amount to over \$600,000. Rev. Dr. E. O. Haven has been inaugurated as Chancellor of the Syracuse University. This is, we believe, the third time that Dr. Haven has had the opportunity of delivering an inaugural address on a similar occasion. His Syracuse address contains many important truths.

—The Supreme Court of Indiana has decided that colored children have not the right to attend the public schools with white children, and we learn that colored children are being excluded from the public schools in many localities. In most instances no separate school is provided for them, and their exclusion is a denial of all advantages afforded by the public-school system. This is gross injustice. Colored youth are as much entitled to the advantages of public education as white youth, and either separate schools should be provided for them, or they should be admitted to the public schools attended by white youth.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—In Sweden gardening forms a part of the educational system. Upwards of three thousand schools have gardens attached to them.