

Notes and News.

ONTARIO.

Mr. J. D. McMillan has been appointed head master of the Murray Street separate school, Peterborough, in the place of Mr. M. O'Brien who has accepted a similar position in the Lindsay separate school. Miss C. Lockard is engaged as first assistant and Miss E. Hurley retains her place as second assistant. Miss Ellie T. Neagle is teacher of the first ward school. Mr. Mellmoyle is reported to be a teacher of experience and considerable ability and good results are expected from his appointment.

The attendance at Newburgh high school, David Hicks, B.A., head master, is larger now than it has been for some years. Mr. Anson Aylsworth has been appointed assistant teacher.

The Newburgh school board decided to place the third and fourth book classes of the public school under the charge of Mr. Tinsdale whose salary has been increased to \$600 in consequence of the additional work.

G. A. Smith, B.A. has received the appointment of science master in Lindsay high school, W. E. Tilley, M.A., head master.

London collegiate institute has been favorably reported on by J. E. Hodgson, M.A., high school inspector.

Mr. J. H. Allin, of Orono, has transferred his services to S. S. No. 3, Darlington, Ballyduff. He has won warm encomiums from the residents of Orono for his ability as a teacher and his kind, courteous demeanour.

Dr. J. A. McLellan, high school inspector, has made a report on the Perth collegiate institute, in which he states, "I am of opinion that the school suffers from the frequent changes in the staff. There cannot be any fair degree of perseverance so long as the board continues to pay assistants but little more than half the amount they pay the head master. I believe the salaries of the assistant masters are lower than those paid in any other collegiate institute. Such a man as Mr. Jamieson (English Master) is certainly very poorly remunerated at \$700."

Mr. Ballantyne, M.P.P., spoke some friendly words for teachers, in the discussion on the item in the estimates for the superannuated teachers' fund, last month. He concluded his remarks by saying that teachers were not well paid, and he thought that those entering the profession would not care to be put on the superannuation fund, but would prefer to spend their money as they pleased. He believed the reason of the present scarcity of teachers was owing to the increased severity of the qualifying examination, and hoped that if salaries were not to be raised, there would be no further attempt to make the standard higher.

A case of considerable interest was heard at Plattsville last month before Jared Kilborn, J. P., and David Peat and John Shearer as associate magistrates. The plaintiff, David Sillers, teacher of S. S. No. 5, in the township of Blandford, complained that Wm. Brash did on the 18th ultimo, assault the teacher, and use profane and indecent language, and interfere with the order of the school. The case was fully substantiated by James Smith aged 16, Thos. Forbes aged 15, and Robert Hughes, aged 13 years. The defendant put in a defence, but lost the case. Fine \$4 and costs, amounting to \$11.50.

Dr. McGuigan has been appointed professor of botany at the Western university.

Mr. H. W. Hoover, who, a short time since was principal of Hagersville union school, has been appointed head master of the Danville, P. Q., graded school. He possesses many qualities which eminently fit him for the onerous and responsible position he is about to fill; and the members of the school board, and other friends in Danville, are to be congratulated in having secured Mr. Hoover's services, as he is reputed to be a diligent and successful teacher.

Mr. Tait, who came to Highland Creek so highly recommended from the Port Union school, is giving good satisfaction, as was expected. He has already won the esteem of the pupils, and no doubt his labors as an earnest instructor will be as much appreciated here as in his late school, and he will assuredly gain the same respect in this section as was so manifestly shown by the very handsome memento and address he was presented with at his departure from Port Union.

Donmill college for ladies, Oshawa, opened last week with a good attendance.

The attendance in the different departments of the Brampton model school, of which Mr. A. Norton is head master, is very good. Sixteen teachers in training were examined at the close of the term and all passed. Mr. Welsh, who was head master of the model school, has been appointed assistant in Guelph high school.

Some improvements and alterations have lately been effected in Brampton high school, to meet the demands of a largely increased attendance, and additions have been made to the staff of teachers. The head master, Alex. Murray, M.A., takes senior mathematics and classics; D. S. Patterson, B.A., (Toronto Univ., gold medallist), late head master Chatham high school, takes English and modern languages; J. Hume, B.A., (Queen's Univ.) instructs the juniors in science and mathematics; and T. Blain, B.A., (Toronto Univ.) is the assistant classical master. The pupils have nearly completed arrangements for the formation of a Literary Society in connection with the high school and we hope to be able to report progress in this matter very shortly.

MANITOBA.

Four additional teachers have recently been employed for the Winnipeg schools, to enter upon their duties on the first Tuesday in February.

The examination of the pupils of the normal school is now in progress, the examiners being the superintendent of education, the inspector of city school, the principal, and the principal teachers in the city schools.

A collegiate department has been opened in connection with the Portage-la-Prairie schools with Silvanus Phillips, B.A., lately from Ontario, as its teacher. There are now eight teachers at Portage-la-Prairie.

The authorities of St. John's college have just signed a contract for the erection of the north wing of their new college and the warden's residence. The sum to be paid is \$46,500, and the work is to be completed by the end of December next.

Messrs. Heber Archibald, B.A., of the firm of Archibald Howell & Vivian, and W. R. Mulock, B.A., of the firm of Bain, Blanchard & Mulock, both graduates of Toronto university, have been appointed members of the council of St. John's college, and the authorities of Manitoba college have appointed John F. Bain, B.A., of Queen's university a member of their college council.

The Rev. A. L. Parker, M.A., fellow of St. John's college was admitted to the priesthood on Sunday, January 7th, by the most Rev. the metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

An English society has lately promised £1000 stg. towards the endowment fund of St. John's college.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. W. S. J. Davidson, teacher of the advanced department of the Clementsport (Annapolis Co.) school was found dead in his bed on the morning of Thursday, December 28th.

Dr. Honeyman, curator of the provincial museum, has completed the Nova Scotia collection of marine invertebrates and small fishes for the great fishery exhibition in London. Dr. Honeyman holds a high rank among our Canadian naturalists.

The executive committee of the provincial educational association met in the committee room of the legislative council chamber, Halifax, on the 3rd ult. The chief business of the meeting was the preparation of a programme of exercises for the next annual session of the association. It is understood that very satisfactory arrangements were effected. Several members of the committee strongly urged that Halifax should be chosen as the place for the ensuing meeting. This point was not finally decided.

The report of the associated alumni of Acadia college for 1882 is an interesting volume. Its preface describes with some minuteness an important change which has recently been effected in the constitution of the governing organism of the college. This is henceforth to be known as "the Senate of the University of Acadia College." The functions of the senate pertain chiefly to the internal management of the college. The senate is composed of the Faculty, Fellows and Scholars of the university. The Fellows are six graduates so appointed by the governors on nomination of the Faculty, the Scholars, twelve graduates so appointed by the governors on nomination of the associated Alumni. The Fellows are *ex-officio* members of the Board of Governors. A large part of the report is occupied with the address delivered at the service held in June last to commemorate the labors and achievements of the late Dr. Cramp.