

middle of a year is always a disadvantage. It is quite possible that after at each has devoted a whole year to study at the Normal School and spent a good deal of money, that he must wait for six months longer before he can secure a situation. We do not know that this often happens, but it is very apt to happen under the present system. Change the fiscal year and this difficulty will be overcome. Engagements can then be made and terminated, with a view to the long prosecution of studies for higher usefulness in the profession.

We must express our hearty approval of the general tenor of the resolutions adopted by the Wellington County Teachers' Convention. We trust these gatherings of teachers will become frequent—that the teachers of every county will consider the advancement of education to be one of their first duties to their country and their profession, and thus build upon a solid basis that system of Public Schools, which has justly become the pride of all true-hearted Canadians.

THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

We have received the following communication :

To the Editor of the Ontario Teacher :—

SIR,—You have from time to time very generously furnished any required information of general interest to the profession ; and, if not trespassing too much on your good nature and the space at your disposal, I would like to make a few inquiries respecting the provisions and management of the Superannuated Fund. If I except one or two clauses which are pretty well understood by teachers generally, I must confess I am totally in the dark. These clauses are, 1st. Every male teacher shall pay \$4 per annum into said Fund. 2nd. The Inspector shall save teachers the trouble of handling the aforesaid sum by having it withheld when the cheque is paid. Now, Mr. Editor, having given you an account of the knowledge I already possess, I shall proceed to ask a few questions. Has there ever been an audit since the Fund was established ? Did the Government promise to pay a certain sum into that Fund yearly, and have they done it ? If there has been an audit, what is the balance on

hand, and how invested ? If there has not been an audit, are the parties who control that Fund so scrupulously honest, and so much interested in our welfare that an audit is not necessary ? Do you, or do you not, consider the teachers entitled to any information regarding a Fund to which they are compelled to pay, or are they so obtuse that they could not understand such a statement ? Hoping to hear from you in your next issue, and subsequently from some of your correspondents,

I am, yours, &c.,

A TEACHER.

In reply to "A Teacher," we would say that the provisions of the law are briefly as follows : Every male teacher is required to pay \$4 annually, to the Superannuated Fund. The amount is deducted semi-annually by the Inspector, forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer, and becomes at once a part of the funds of the Province. Teachers who have contributed regularly to this fund as the law directs, are entitled to be superannuated when they have attained the age of sixty, or sooner if disabled, and to receive a pension at the rate of \$6