

tion, in the form of a report to the Board of Supervisors. The following are the items:—

Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward Schools . . .	\$650,000
Incidental expenses	75,000
For pianos	10,000
Support of the Academy	45,000
Repairs of the Academy	2,000
Normal Schools support	20,000
Apportionment to the corporate schools	30,000
Repairs in shop	10,000
Support of evening schools	70,000
Books, stationery and other supplies	95,000
Rent of school premises	15,000
Salaries of officials connected with the Board	26,000
Incidental expenses of the Board, including printing	10,000
For building and repairing school houses	230,000
Deficiency of 1858	26,052
Total	\$1,314,052

This is an increase upon the estimate for last year of about \$70,000, which is accounted for mainly by the increase in the number of schools, and a consequent increase in the amount required for teacher's salaries.

IX. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

— "LIFE BOAT."—We have received a specimen number of the *Life Boat*, a Montreal Temperance Journal, which is after the first of January, 1860, to be published weekly in a Quarto form, at fifty cents a year.

— CARL RITTER, the great geographer, died at Berlin, on the 28th of September, aged eighty. He was acknowledged to be the first man of his time in the study to which he devoted his life. He was an intimate friend of the late Baron Humboldt.

— INDIA CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.—The list of candidates selected after examination, for the Civil Service of India is published. The highest on the list is from Trinity College, Dublin, and out of the two of the first five names three are from Dublin, and one from Queen's College, Belfast.

— FOREIGN OFFICE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.—The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* relates a story on this subject, in which the diplomatist, Sir Hamilton Seymour bears a part. It appears that Sir Hamilton's son was lately rejected at one of the preliminary examinations for *attachèships*, Sir Hamilton Seymour was much annoyed. He came up to town and was permitted to inspect the examination papers, at the office of the Civil Service Commissioners. In one of them was the question, "What are the Dutch possessions in the East Indies?" His son answered, "There are no Dutch possessions in the East Indies?" The examiner had treated the answer as a blunder of ignorance. Sir Hamilton insisted on it that his son's answer was quite right; that the Dutch settlements in the East Indies—still given in all the maps and gazetteers—had been ceded to the country two years ago, in consideration of a certain yearly payment. This was found to be the case, though probably young Seymour knew nothing about it. Sir Hamilton procured a re-examination for his son, on the strength of his own detection of the examiner's blunder, and the youngster came out of his second trial with flying colors.

X. Departmental Notices.

POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent per oz. and be open at each end, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns.

BLANK HALF-YEARLY RETURNS AND REPORTS.

The blank forms for Half-yearly Returns and Annual Reports are now in the hands of the printer, and will be sent out as soon as they are ready.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will, therefore, please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, as may be necessary.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Township and County Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—*Lord Elgin at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition, September, 1854.*

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. Prison Libraries, and Teachers' County Association Libraries, may, under these regulations, be established by County Councils, as branch libraries.

SCHOOLS MAPS AND APPARATUS.

The Chief Superintendent will add one hundred per cent. to any sum or sums, not less than five dollars, transmitted to the Department by Municipal and School Corporations on behalf of 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. In all cases it will be necessary for any person, acting on behalf of the Municipality or Trustees, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of articles to be sent can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

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 prizes in Grammar and Common Schools. Catalogues and Forms forwarded upon application.

SCHOOL REGISTERS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages, and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools will be sent direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Department.

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 \$1, 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.*"

ADVERTISEMENTS inserted in the *Journal of Education* for three cents per word, which may be remitted in postage stamps, or otherwise.

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