

would be inadvisable." The report had been discussed in the Assembly, and an expression of opinion given by the members, generally favorable to the view of the committee.

IX. Departmental Notices.

INDISTINCT POST MARKS.

We receive, in the course of the year, a number of letters on which the post marks are very indistinct, or altogether omitted. These marks are often so important, that Postmasters would do well to see that the requirements of the Post-office Department, in relation to stamping the post-mark on letters is carefully attended to.

NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools, or Teachers of the English branches in Grammar Schools, who are legally qualified Common School Teachers 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, if they have not already done so, their subscriptions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year, commencing with 1854, and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. 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." No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, in accordance to the preceding regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

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 have also been sent to the County Clerk, and will be supplied direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Clerk.

Assorted Prize Books in Packages.

Selected by the Department, for Grammar or Common Schools, from the Catalogue, in assorted packages, as follows.

Package No. 1.	Books and Cards,	5cts. to 70cts each.....	\$10
" No. 2.	Ditto ditto	5cts. to \$1.00 each.....	\$16
" No. 3.	Ditto ditto	5cts. to \$1.25 each.....	\$20
" No. 4.	Ditto ditto	10cts. to \$1.50 each.....	\$26
" No. 5.	Ditto ditto	10cts. to \$1.75 each.....	\$30
" No. 6.	Ditto ditto	10cts. to \$2.00 each.....	\$36
" No. 7.	Ditto ditto	15cts. to \$2.25 each.....	\$40
Package No. 8.	Books and Cards,	15cts. to \$2.50 each.....	\$46
" No. 9.	Ditto ditto	15cts. to \$2.75 each.....	\$50
" No. 10.	Ditto ditto	20cts. to \$3.00 each.....	\$56
" No. 11.	Ditto ditto	20cts. to \$3.25 each.....	\$60
" No. 12.	Ditto ditto	20cts. to \$3.50 each.....	\$66
" No. 13.	Ditto ditto	25cts. to \$3.75 each.....	\$70
" No. 14.	Ditto ditto	55cts. to \$4.00 each.....	\$76
" No. 15.	Ditto ditto	25cts. to \$4.25 each.....	\$80
" No. 16.	Ditto ditto	30cts. to \$4.50 each.....	\$86
" No. 17.	Ditto ditto	30cts. to \$4.75 each.....	\$90
" No. 18.	Ditto ditto	30cts. to \$5.00 each.....	\$96
" No. 19.	Ditto ditto	35cts. to \$5.25 each.....	\$100
" No. 20.	Ditto ditto	35cts. to \$5.50 each.....	\$106

Special Prizes, in handsomely bound books, singly at from \$1.05 to \$5.50. In sets of from two to six volumes of Standard Literature, at from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per set. Also Microscopes, Drawing Instruments, Drawing Books, Classical

Texts, Atlases, Dictionaries, Small Magic Lanterns, Magnets, Compasses Cubes, Cones, Blocks, &c. &c.

*** Trustees are requested to send in their orders for prizes at as early a date as possible, so as to ensure the due despatch of their parcels in time for the examinations, and thus prevent disappointment.

Canadian School Maps and Apparatus.

Sets of the two new series of maps of Canadian manufacture are now ready, and can be had, by school authorities, at the Educational Depository, Toronto, either singly, in wall cases, or on rotary stands, embracing Maps of the World; Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, of two sizes; the British Isles, Canaan and Palestine, and British North America.

Terrestrial and Celestial Globes, of Canadian manufacture, of the following sizes: *three* (hemisphere), *six*, *twelve*, and *eighteen* inches in diameter, and on various kinds of frames.

The Canadian School Apparatus embrace, among other things, Planetariums, Telluriums, Lunariums, Celestial Spheres, Numeral Frames, Geometrical Forms and Solids, &c. Also, a great variety of Object Lessons, Diagrams, Charts, and Sheets, Magic Lanterns, with suitable slides, from \$2.40 to \$1.20 with objects, Telescopes, Barometers, Chemical Laboratories, beautiful Geological Cabinets, and various other Philosophical Apparatus in great variety. Catalogues, and printed Forms of Application, may be had at the Depository.

LARGE MAP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

New Map of British North America, including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Red River, Swan River, Saskatchewan; a Map of Steamship Routes between Europe and America, &c. &c. 7ft. 9in. by 3ft. 9in. Constructed and just published under the supervision of the Educational Department for Upper Canada Price \$6.

PORTABLE COMPOSITION BLACKBOARDS.

THIS substitute for the Blackboard is made of Canvas, covered with successive coats of Composition until it is of a sufficient thickness to be rolled up without injury. It is mounted on a portable wooden frame, 3 feet 6 inches high by 2 feet 6 inches wide. It may be obtained at the Educational Depository. Price \$2.

It possesses the following advantages over the ordinary painted blackboard:—

1. It can be removed to any part of the School-house, and is invaluable for separate classes.
2. It is not so liable to be scratched with chalk as the common blackboard.
3. When it is not required for use, it can be rolled up in a small compass, and laid aside.
4. Both sides can be used, so that two classes may be kept at work at the same time.

SCHOOL INK WELLS.

THE following INK WELLS have been manufactured in Toronto and are for sale at the Educational Depository:—

- No. 1. Plain Metal Ink Wells, with covers, per doz..... \$1 50
 - No. 2. Improved Metal Non-evaporating Ink Wells, per doz. . . 3 00
- No. 1 is a wide-mouthed well, designed to be let into the desk. It has an iron cover to screw over the top so as to prevent the dust falling into the ink.

No. 2 consists of three pieces: A circular piece to let into the desk, and to be screwed to it; it has a rim on which the well rests; over this is placed a cap which covers the top of the well. It has a small aperture for the pen, covered with a movable lid.

- It possesses the following advantages:—
1. The ink is not liable to be spilled;
 2. It effectually protects the ink from dust;
 3. It prevents evaporation, owing to the covers and the small size of the aperture;
 4. It has facilities for cleaning, but, the cover being screwed down, does not allow the pupil to take it out at his pleasure.
 5. It is not, like glass, liable to breakage.

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