

receive \$60 per annum, and out of that sum have to furnish wood for their school room. It is not uncommon for a man to be paid only \$120 a year.

The Walkerton Board of Trustees has resolved "That the time allowed children of the Public Schools for the purpose of obtaining their dinner be one hour and a half, and that school be continued until half-past four, p.m." Now run for the doctor, but "don't tell Mr. Crooks."

The County of Lanark Teachers' Association will meet in Carleton Place on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th February, commencing at one o'clock p.m. on Friday. In addition to the usual papers and discussions, the subject of "Competitive Examinations" will be taken up. H. L. Slack, M.A., President.

Previous to Jan'y 1st, 1876, 1,390 free public libraries, containing 273,790 volumes, had been established in connection with the Public Schools in Ontario, the Educational Department aiding largely in the establishment of the same by granting 100 per cent. on local appropriations, and supplying books from the Depository in connection with the Department.

From the report of the Inspector for Oxford we observe that the following improvements were made during last season. — Sites enlarged, 5; sites fenced, 8; buildings repaired, 3; outhouses provided, 6; new buildings, 3; new sites, 3; new furniture, 5; grounds improved, 1. Also that preparations are being made to build new houses in eleven school sections.

Archbishop Tache has issued a pamphlet opposing the unsectarian school agitation in Manitoba, and the Protestant section of the Board of Education has become so discouraged that they will not ask the Local Government to introduce the Bill this session. The indications are that "rotastants will wait a more suitable time for agitating a reform in the Provincial Constitution.

According to census recently taken, Woodstock has 1,214 children of school age, of whom 1,187 attended school last year. There are four private schools in the town with an average attendance of about 90 pupils. In the Canadian Literary Institute there are fourteen teachers, and a library of 3,330 volumes. Last year the attendance at the Institute was about 280.

Mr. J. Millar, Principal of the St. Thomas Public Schools, complains of the lack of room for teaching purposes, and says the most prudent plan would be to erect a High School building, and use the whole of the Central School for Public School purposes. The actual cost to the town for keeping up the schools last year was \$4,068.05, or about \$3.41 per pupil. The cost per pupil on the basis of salaries paid to teachers was \$3.92.

Mr. Bethune, M. P. P. argues in favor of the discontinuance of the Book Depository in connection with the Educational Department, on the grounds that there is no longer any necessity for its existence, and that it is a means of unfair competition with the many excellent book-stores that are now to be found in every county. There are many whose views are in entire accord with those expressed by Mr. Bethune.

The programme for the next meeting of the E. Middlesex Teachers' Association will comprise Geography, by Mr. Dickie; Letter Writing, by Mr. Jarvis; President's Address, by Mr. Dearness,

I.P.S.; Microscope, by Mr. W. Saunders, chemist-Shakespeare and his times, by Mr. J. Cameron (Advertiser); Teacher's first day in School, Mr. Dixon; Grammar, by Mr. Hands; Drawing, by Mr. Wilkins, Sculptor; and Fractions by Mr. Carson, I.P.S.

The question of education in Prince Edward Island has caused some strange vicissitudes. It has overthrown many a government that looked stable, and has been the means of raising up many an individual that seemed obscure. It was the corner stone of Laird's greatness; without it Davies could never have reached the eminence where he now sits. Strangely contradictory, too, have been its workings. The former gained notoriety by the abuse of their opponents.—*Exchange.*

The educational grants voted recently by the Quebec House of Assembly are as follows.—Superior Education, \$78,410; Common Schools, \$155,000; Schools in poor Municipalities, \$8,000; Normal Schools, \$46,000; School Inspectors' Salaries, \$30,000; Books for Prizes, \$4,000; Journal of Education, \$2,400; Superannuated Teachers, \$3,000; Schools for the Deaf and Dumb, \$12,000; Depository of Books, Maps, Globes, &c., \$15,000; Jacques Cartier Normal School, \$80,000; Three Schools of Medicine, \$2,250; Literary Institutions, \$2,000; Agricultural Schools, \$3,600; Literary School, Montreal, \$1,000.

From the report of the January meeting of the Sarnia Board of Education we clip the following:—"The chairman read a telegram from the Deputy Minister of Education in answer to one sent by him, to ascertain whether the children of supporters of the Separate Schools ought to be included in the census, to be taken under the direction of this Board, of all children of school age in the town. The telegram was as follows:—"All must be included; the law makes no distinction." Instructions were, therefore, given to the census-taker to govern himself accordingly."

A pupil of the Brampton School refused to obey the commands of his teacher. He was whipped but still refused, and told his teacher she'd "better quit." The Principal was sent for, but the boy jumped out of the window and ran away. He returned a few days after, but refused to tell the Principal why he had acted so or to make amends for his fault. He was therefore suspended. The boy's father, on the morning of his suspension, had addressed him thus:—"Now, Willie, if you make any apology that will be degrading to you, as my son, I will whip you on your return." Is there any wonder that the boy has become so hopelessly rebellious?

At the annual school meeting last year in a school district in N. B., power was given to the trustees to build a new school-house, and the district was taxed accordingly. They, however, expended the money in fitting up and paying rent for "an old rum shop," (says our exchange) owned by one of the trustees, which will not hold one half of the children in the district. The rate-payers being dissatisfied, at the annual meeting this year over-ruled a motion of the trustees to raise \$200 for school purposes, by carrying an amendment to the effect that the district be assessed for the sum of \$5, thus closing the school until the trustees are willing to provide a better accommodation.