

Educational Notes and News.

There are at present 120 pupils attending the Oshawa High School. This is the largest number that ever attended at one time.

The pupils of the Midhurst Public School presented their teacher, Mr. George E. Sneath, with a silver cake basket and other handsome presents a few days ago — *Shelburne Free Press*.

Mr. S. Armour, of Bobcaygeon, has been appointed teacher of the Junior Fourth Class, in the Lindsay Public School, in the place of Mr. G. A. Irwin, resigned.

In the Departmental Examinations in Ontario last year, 5,128 candidates wrote for intermediate, third and second class non professional certificates, and of these 1,521 failed.

The total amount paid in salaries to High School teachers in Ontario last year, was \$266,316, being an increase of \$13,009 on the previous year.

S. N. Young, from Ridgetown, has been engaged to teach the public school in Dutton at a salary of \$500 per year. Mr. Young has been one of the teachers in the High School, Ridgetown. — *Dutton Enterprise*.

Miss Aggie Fitzgerald, teacher of Union School of Aldborough and Danwich, was taken seriously ill last week, and has gone home to St. Thomas for medical treatment. The school will be closed for the present. — *Dutton Enterprise*.

According to the last report of the Minister of Education for Ontario there are in the First Reading Class of the Public Schools 164,035 pupils; Second, 106,482; Third, 113,980; Fourth, 70,104; Fifth, 8,917; Sixth, 849.

The number of pupils attending the Model Schools of Ontario, during the last school year, was 1,117—increase, 232; males, 421; females, 696; withdrew during term, 15; passed, 1,017—increase, 154; failed, 85.

The income of Girard College, Philadelphia, for 1884 was \$950,000. Its real estate alone is valued at \$7,346,000, apart from that occupied by the college buildings. The collieries of the college produced 1,400,000 tons last year.

Of the three young ladies from Flinton who obtained certificates as teachers last winter, two of them, Miss Bryden and Miss Lessard, are engaged to teach No. 1 and No. 10 schools. Miss Hasler remains under the instruction of our present efficient teacher Mr. Irvine. — *Napanee Standard*.

There are sixty-two teachers' associations in Ontario, with a membership of 4,821—increase, 434, a total income of \$10,373, and an expenditure of \$5,871, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,502. The Government grant to these was \$4,025—increase, \$1,125, and municipal grant, \$435—increase, \$135, members fees, \$792—decrease, \$296.

A proposition to disfranchise the Uneducated was recently voted down in the Imperial Parliament, but an English paper thinks it not improbable that this will not be the last of the proposal. "The Democracy is," it thinks, "likely to ask by-and-by why a man who has taken a degree should have two votes, when everybody else is obliged to content himself with one."

A meeting has been held in Philadelphia in the interests of industrial education among the coloured people. It is proposed to raise \$30,000 for an educational establishment. The *National Baptist* says:—"It is a strange thing, if a coloured man wants to study Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Astronomy, Metaphysics, Theology, he has the best facilities which the world affords, and perhaps has all free, but if he wants to learn how to make a boot there is no opening."

The Thorold Public School Board has been setting a good example in decorating the walls of the school rooms with steel engravings of a high order. A tastefully decorated school room is an important educational influence. Fifteen pupils of the Thorold schools passed the last Entrance Examination, a fact which speaks well for the Head Master, Mr. P. McMaster and his staff. A class of twenty five is preparing for the coming June examination.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Public School Board the following report of the Management Committee was adopted:—

The Standing Committee on School Management beg to recommend that the public examinations of pupils be held on Tuesday, June 30th, that the summer vacation extend from that day until Monday, August 31st, that the presentation of prizes take place on the

evening of Thursday, July 2nd, in the Horticultural Pavilion, and that this Committee be empowered to carry the above arrangements into effect.

WOONSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL.—The trustees of the High School at a meeting held on Monday last, appointed Mr. T. J. Parr, Fourth Master. Of late the attendance has increased so rapidly that the old staff found themselves unable to cope successfully with the work. With four teachers a much more satisfactory classification can be made, and more time can be given to each subject. The Board are to be congratulated on their excellent choice. Mr. Parr has already won high honor as a teacher of the county; in the department of elocution, especially, he has few superiors. There are about 130 pupils on the register of the school. *Sentinel Review*.

THE CHANGES MADE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' LAW DURING LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Minister of Education has issued the following circular respecting amendments to the Public Schools' Act:—

1. By sub-section 7 of section 2 it is made quite clear that a farmer's son of any person assessed for income may be elected Public School Trustee.
2. By section 9 it is provided that no territory distant more than three miles in a direct line from the school house can be included in forming any new school section.
3. By section 23 a newly elected trustee may make the declaration of office before a Justice of the Peace.
4. When trustees exempt indigent persons from school rates, they must notify the clerk of the municipality to that effect before the first day of August.
5. The trustees of townships (in which there are township boards), cities, towns and incorporated villages must submit their accounts for audit to the municipal auditors.
6. The qualifications of the trustees of a township board is the same as that of a rural school trustee.
7. Arbitrators appointed by a County Council to consider an appeal from a Township Council may, under certain circumstances, reconsider their decision.
8. Union school sections can only be formed, altered or dissolved by arbitrators appointed by the municipalities interested and the County Inspector.
9. An appeal is allowed from the decision of the arbitrators to the County Council when the union school sections lie wholly within the county, or to the Minister of Education when they lie between two or more counties.
10. The assessment of union school sections is to be equalized once in three years by the assessors of the municipalities concerned, and such person as may be named by the Inspector of Public Schools.
11. The portion of a township united to a village or town can only be withdrawn in the same way as union school sections are altered.
12. Trustees in townships, cities, towns, and incorporated villages may be elected by ballot or the same time as municipal councillors are elected, if required by resolution of the Board, passed before the 1st of October in any year, and such resolution, when once adopted, need not be repeated.
13. The Chairman of a Board of School Trustees (sec. 116) has only a casting vote in cases of an equality of votes on any question. He has no second vote.
14. Trustees of cities, towns and incorporated villages may require the assessor to furnish them with the names of all children between the ages of 7 and 13.
15. Township councils may levy the sum of \$100 for every school section by uniform rate over the whole township, and by the balance required by the trustees over the section requiring the same.
16. Parts of undivided lots are to be assessed in the section in which they are situated irrespective of the residence of the occupant.
17. Pupils attending rural schools shall be reported for the purpose of dividing the school grant as belonging to the school they attend. This does not apply to non-residents attending city, town or village schools.
18. First Class County Board Certificates are made Provincial.
19. Teachers who violate an agreement at Common Law are liable to the suspension of their certificates.
20. It is obligatory in county councils to pay the sum of \$150 to