

Q.—Who suggested it? A.—I might have suggested it myself, but I do not remember.

Q.—Did you consult Mr. McMillan (Examiner) about it? A.—I have no distinct recollection. I think I asked him once if he thought there was any harm in it, and he seemed to think there was not.

Q.—May Mr. McMillan (Examiner) not have been aware that the extension was so long, or whether or not it was for three quarters of an hour? A.—He may, or may not have been.

Q.—Did Mr. Borthwick and yourself consult? A.—I do not think we did.

Q.—You did not make the suggestion to him? A.—I think it was made by us all.

Q.—Are you aware whether Mr. McMillan (Examiner) was there when the extension was granted? Do you think he knew of it? A.—I do not know.

By Mr. LeSueur, Commissioner:

Q.—Did the teachers complain the papers were too difficult? A.—Yes, often.

Q.—Do you suppose that was one reason for the extension of time? A.—I think there was something to that effect.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—Are you certain Mr. Borthwick consented to the extension of time? A.—Yes.

Q.—And the others? A.—Yes. Such at least is my impression at the present time, and I think it is correct.

By Mr. Slack, Commissioner:

Q.—Did you exceed the specified time in regard to other papers? A.—I think we always kept the time specified, except upon these two or three occasions.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—I understand you to mean that you did not deviate from the programme except in regard to the extension of time? A.—Except in one examination, but I do not know that it was for 1874, or 1875. Upon the particular occasion, I think they were two Boards meeting in the same building, and some of the candidates wanted to get away by the train. They therefore wanted to have one subject within an hour not set apart for it. Some teacher objected to that after the papers had been opened, and they were taken up again and the intended proceedings abandoned.

Q.—Did the Board agree to this? A.—We understood that it was so.

Q.—Except in these instances, were the subjects entered upon proceeded with as specified upon the programme? A.—Yes.

Q.—You say that you did not carry out the arrangement? A.—Yes, on the objection raised by a teacher.

Q.—What reason did he urge? A.—That it was out of form.

Q.—Did the parties remain who were to go away? A.—Yes.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Do you not remember that this took place in 1874-5? A.—I do not know that it was in 1874.

Q.—You remember that in 1874 there was some deviation from the regular programme? A.—I remember there was one examination at which there was a deviation, but whether it was in 1874 or what particular year I do not remember.

By Mr. Gibb, Counsel for Mr. Borthwick:

Q.—How long have you been a School examiner? A.—For three or four years.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Have you told the whole truth in this matter? Have you kept anything back?

The Chairman ruled that this was an improper question, and could not be put.

By Mr. LeSueur, Commissioner:

Q.—You speak of a change from one subject to another, would that have given any advantage to one or more of the candidates? A.—I do not think so.

Q.—It was not done with a view to give advantage to any one? A.—It was not. It was for the purpose of accommodating parties who desired to leave by the train.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Why did these parties want to leave? Were they not writing upon the same papers as the others? A.—Some of the second class candidates did not write in all the papers. I think it must have been a voluntary paper they asked permission to write out of usual order; a teacher, as I have said, objected, and we carried out the original arrangement. Whether I have stated the actual facts I am not quite sure, but to the best of my remembrance I have.

Dr. Hodgins—It could not have been for the advantage of any candidate present here in Ottawa to change the time of giving out the papers, but a candidate, if he had a confederate in any other district, might telegraph such information to him as would assist him materially in the solution of his questions. I would like to

ask the witness why it was that the arrangement was agreed to by all the examiners? Perhaps Rev. Mr. May, County Inspector, might be able to state.

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Miss C. Rathwell, (Teacher,) sworn by Mr. Slack, Commissioner, and examined by Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—You are a teacher in Central School East? A.—I am.

Q.—You were a candidate for a second class certificate in 1874? A.—I was.

Q.—During the time you were under examination for your certificate, were the answers to the questions in Natural Philosophy written upon the board? A.—They were.

Q.—By whom? A.—I do not know.

Q.—You did not see any one write them? A.—I did not.

Q.—But you know they were put up there during the time the examination was in progress? A.—Yes.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—During the time of the examination upon that paper? A.—I think so.

Q.—When did you see them? A.—I did not notice them when I went into the room.

Q.—But you did notice them before you left the room? A.—Yes.

Q.—What position were you sitting in with regard to the black-board? A.—Facing it.

Q.—But you saw no one write these answers upon the black-board? A.—I did not.

Q.—Who presided at these examinations? A.—Mr. Rathwell, Mr. McMillan and Mr. Borthwick.

Q.—Was there any one along with the Inspector during the examination in that particular subject? A.—The others came in frequently, but I do not think they were in all the time.

Q.—But they did come in and out? A.—Yes.

Q.—And during that time this writing was on the black-board? A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the writing? A.—The answers to the questions in Natural Philosophy.

Q.—The paper in which you were being examined? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you saw this writing on the board? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Before you concluded working on your paper? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you avail yourself in any way of the answers at the time?

A.—I do not know. I suppose if there was any advantage to be derived from them, I might have had it.

Q.—But did you have it? Did you compare the answers you had upon your own paper with those upon the board? A.—I do not think I did. I felt my paper would be a failure in any case.

By Mr. LeSueur, Commissioner:

Q.—Are you acquainted with Mr. Borthwick's writing? A.—I am.

Q.—Can you distinguish it from other writing? A.—Yes.

Q.—Is it peculiar? A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you say whether it was his writing that was upon the black-board? A.—I cannot remember.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—Are you positive they were answers to the questions? A.—I was not positive at the time I was in the room, but I noticed the list, and after I left the room I heard other candidates say they were the answers.

Q.—Were they answers to the questions which you were solving? A.—I do not know what they were, except from what my impressions were on having seen them, and what I heard others say afterwards.

Q.—Do you remember any of them? A.—I do not.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Do you not remember of any gentleman having called the Inspector's attention to the solution of one problem being wrong? A.—I have no recollection.

Q.—Nor of Mr. Borthwick having gone and changed it? A.—I have not.

By Mr. LeSueur, Commissioner:

Q.—You say, if I remember rightly, you think it was Mr. Borthwick's writing;—are you certain it was, or are you not? A.—I cannot be certain. I did not think about the matter at the time.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Were you aware that small pieces of paper were passed round to candidates during the examination in one of the branches upon one occasion? A.—They were handed to all.

Q.—Did you get one? A.—I did.

Q.—What was written upon your one? A.—The answers to the questions in Arithmetic.

Q.—Had that examination been held? A.—It was going on at the time.