

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

William J. Stewart, the New Principal is Here.

He Thinks the Work is Being Carried on Very Well But Sees Room for Slight Improvement.

William J. Stewart, who has been engaged as principal of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf and Dumb in Lancaster, reached Montreal from Belfast on the Canadian, and is now at work in the school.

Twenty years ago, or thereabouts, when Mr. Stewart was a junior teacher in Lancaster, reached Montreal from Belfast on the Canadian, and is now at work in the school.

Upon the death of his wife personal matters called him back to Belfast, where he has lived since 1901.

Mr. Stewart believes in the system which combines both sign and oral instruction. In this system he does not include the spelling on the hands, but regards this as the use of English.

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The New Brunswick allowance is \$15 a year for each pupil. Five or six deaf children are at the Halifax school, and this allowance will be paid for them to that school from the provincial and municipal treasury.

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OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, June 30.—According to a statement submitted to the commons by Hon. H. R. Emmerson, the receipts of the government system of railways for the current year, up to May 31, were \$6,009,766, and the expenses of operation for the same period were \$6,665,071.

Speaking during the debate on Hon. John Haggart's resolution censuring the ministry for withholding from parliament documents and correspondence of a public nature, to which the house was justly referred, Mr. R. L. Borden of Halifax referred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's unfortunate and possibly unintentional reference to Lord Dundonald as a foreigner and a stranger, in strong but courteous terms, closing with the following words: My right hon. friend, the other day, when called in question for some language he had said to Mr. Osler of Toronto, replied in effect, "I will use any language I see fit and I will not shrink from it."

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ment of the St. Lawrence. I draw the attention of the minister to the fact that the navigation of the St. Lawrence is a mere rife. It is a very small thing compared with the navigation of the upper lakes and the rivers connecting those lakes. I do not suppose some of this \$500,000 grant I may not be far astray when I say the twentieth part, of the navigation of these inland waters, and surely the hon. gentleman will be able to spare some of this \$500,000 grant to give some attention to the lighting up of the lakes and rivers west of Montreal.

OTTAWA, June 30.—While the hot weather has not interfered to any appreciable extent with the progress of business in the house, it has had the effect of keeping townspeople out of the galleries, which, save for the occasional presence of strangers, present a deserted appearance.

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he was not prepared to encourage every unreasonable demand for increased allowance. Sir William Mulock in addition to being postmaster general is minister of labor; hence the following pertinent questions by Mr. Clarke of Toronto.

Mr. Clarke—Has the minister not called on the services of the fair-wage board in a satisfactory manner? Sir William Mulock—I have the statutes of Canada to aid me in this matter, and I think we may depend on parliament being as wise as the fair-wage board.

Hon. Mr. Fielding's tariff changes regarding his tariff changes of only a few cents, which the finance minister will have some more changes to propose. It takes this government of business men a long time to tinker up a tariff tinkering.

Mr. Birkett, conservative member for Ottawa, pointed out a grave difficulty in the dumping clause, and the finance minister with his questions. He said he had received four circulars from manufacturers in the United States intimating that they would in voice goods into Canada at American prices and would pay to Canadian dealers the same salary for handling the goods that they pay to American dealers.

Hon. John Haggart followed up by asking the finance minister as to the case of articles which formerly paid a duty, but are now imported free. Did the law take effect on the 1st of June? Mr. Fielding replied: "I am afraid I had better not answer my friend lest I get into trouble. We shall have all these questions discussed in due course."

Mr. Gourley of Colchester, N. S., contributed his mite in a very vigorous way from the front row of the opposition benches. All this quibbling about the tariff, showed, he said, the bad policy Canada pursued. He had no doubt that the people in the United States would find most ample opportunity to defeat the anti-dumping clause proposed by Mr. Fielding.

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READABLE NATURE STUDIES ON NATURE STUDENTS.

The Most Successful Meeting in the History of the Institute Brought to a Close Thursday Afternoon.

The first business transacted at Thursday's session of the Institute was the presentation of the report of the auditing committee. This report, which was adopted, showed that Secretary Britain's financial report had been found correct and that the business affairs of the Institute were in a satisfactory condition.

Dr. Phillip Cox was the first speaker on the western part of his subject the Function of the Normal School in a System of State Education. After some introductory remarks, Dr. Cox pointed out that the function of the Normal School is to send out teachers with the best possible qualifications for their profession.

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Mr. Hagerman found fault also with the system of teaching drawing, particularly the use of copy books. The conclusion he had reached after his investigation, Mr. Hagerman said, was that the great fault in regard to the teaching of drawing lay with the teacher. The teachers must be awakened to their responsibility in this matter and they must give drawing more systematic study.

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