

Editorial Notices, &c.

THE TIME OF THE NEW SCHOOL ACT COMING INTO OPERATION.

—Every act of the Legislature comes into force as soon as it receives the Royal Assent, unless some express provision is made as to the future condition or period of its taking effect. The new School Act came into force the day on which it received the Royal Assent, and under its authority the Chief Superintendent and Council of Public Instruction have been appointed, the Legislative School Grant for the year has been apportioned, and all the Forms and Regulations have been adopted. All School proceedings in all the Counties and School Sections in Upper Canada must be conducted under its authority and according to its provisions.

CORRECTION.—The Chapter of the new School Act for Upper Canada should be 48, instead of 9, as stated in the last number of this *Journal*. The number of the Chapter was set down as 9 in the list of Bills assented to by the Governor General on the 24th of July,—some time before the close of the Session; but in classifying and arranging all the Bills which have been passed during the Session, and to which the Royal assent has been given, the chapter of the Common School Act for Upper Canada has been numbered 48.

APPROPRIATION FOR NORMAL SCHOOL PREMISES AND BUILDINGS.

The Legislature has made the handsome appropriation of £15,000 for procuring Premises and erecting Buildings for a Provincial Normal and Model School. It is intended to procure a sufficient quantity of ground for a Botanical Garden and Agricultural Experiments—so as to furnish practical illustrations of the courses of instruction in Vegetable Physiology and Agricultural Chemistry. It is also intended to keep in view the contemplated establishment of a School of Art and Design, in the construction and accommodations of the Buildings, as well as the immediate objects of the Normal School. Accommodations will be likewise provided for the Education Office, and for a Depository of Apparatus and Books for School Libraries. This is the first appropriation which was ever made by the Canadian Legislature for the erection and permanent establishment of a *Peoples' College*, the direct object of which is to benefit the mass of the population. We indulge the hope that we are entering on a new era in the diffusion of popular education and useful knowledge in Upper Canada.

TO CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

For the information of such we again insert on page 127 of this *Journal*, the Revised Terms of Admission to the Normal School. We believe that very few county authorities have formally taken advantage of the provisions contained in these Terms of Admission. Therefore, candidates, with the required certificates of character, will be received, on examination, as heretofore, by the authorities of the Normal School, at the commencement of the Session. The next Session will commence the first Monday in September and close the last week in May. Candidates must present themselves during the first week of the Session.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES AND LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.—A sufficient number of the *July* and *August* numbers of the *Journal of Education* will be sent to each Local Superintendent in U. C., whose Post Office address is known at this Office, to furnish each Corporation of School Trustees within his jurisdiction with a copy of each.

* * * Answers to numerous inquiries, addressed to the Education Office, will be found in the various Circulars contained in this number.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT FOR UPPER CANADA FOR THE YEAR 1849.—The contents of this Report will be found on the 127th page. The friends of Common School education will read with pleasure the following resolution, which was adopted by the Legislative Assembly two days before the close of the Session:—

“Hon. Mr. Price presented the Annual Report of the Normal, Model and Common Schools in Upper Canada, for the year 1849, by the Chief Superintendent of Schools.

“On motion of Mr. Price, it was ordered, that a sufficient number of copies of the said Report be printed, to furnish a copy to each Municipal Council, Local Superintendent, and Common School Corporation in Upper Canada, exclusive of the usual number printed for the use of the Members of the House.”

TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL JOURNALS.—Among the Laws for the regulation of the Public Schools, in Alleghany, Pennsylvania, is the following,—“It shall be the duty of each Teacher to take at least, one Periodical devoted to Education.” Ought not each Teacher in Canada be a law unto himself in this respect? Does he not owe it to himself, his professional reputation, nay, to his pecuniary interest, to take an educational periodical?

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