

the examination the Doctor addressed the school in the Assembly-room, expressed himself highly pleased with the state and progress of the school, and urged the teachers and pupils to endeavor to achieve still higher results. The school under its present Principal, Mr. Oliver, is doing unusually well, and is obtaining a more than local reputation, as is shown by the pupils drawn to it from a distance. In this connection we would remind the friends of education all over the Province that we shall feel obliged to others who may favor us with similar items of news respecting Public or High Schools, Teachers' Conventions and Institutes, Inspectors' reports, &c.

—An important change in the lecture system at the Normal School has been agreed upon by the Council of Public Instruction. At the last meeting of that body it was enacted that there shall hereafter be only one annual session, instead of two, commencing on the 15th September, and closing on the 15th July, with two short vacations, one from the third Wednesday in December to the second Tuesday in January, the other from the Wednesday before Easter to the Tuesday after Easter, inclusive. The class will be arranged in two divisions, first and second; and the latter will consist of a junior and a senior section. There is so much obscurity in the wording of the enactment respecting the constitution and working of these two sections that we prefer giving the clause verbatim, leaving our readers to conjecture the correct meaning for themselves. It is enacted:—

“That the second division consist of a junior and a senior section, the work of which shall be entirely with a view of second class certificates; that the candidates for this section be those who are able to pass the entrance examination, and these be prepared for II B certificates. That candidates for the senior section who are to be prepared for II A certificates shall be (1) those holding II B Provincial certificates if they can pass an examination in arithmetic, algebra, and natural philosophy within certain limits; and (2) those who can pass the entrance examination.”

The first division is to contain graduates from the second division, and those holding second class A certificates from the County Boards, provided they can pass in certain

specified subjects. The above change will take effect after the close of the present Normal School session, so that instead of the students re-assembling in August, as usual, they will not do so till September. In more ways than one the alteration is likely to be beneficial.

—The P. S. Inspector for South Huron, reports that the schools in his district are in a very satisfactory condition. He complains of the trouble created for the teachers by irregularity of attendance on the part of the pupils. The teachers were changed in forty-four schools during the year. Fourteen new school houses took the place of old ones, and two were erected where there were previously none. Meetings were held in the various school sections in Tuckersmith, to determine whether the legal majority, giving the township council the power to establish a township board of school trustees, could be secured. The necessary majority was obtained, and the election of the board took place at Brucefield on the sixth of February. The council purposes to convert the surplus money coming to it into a school fund.

—From the report of G. D. Platt, Esq., Inspector Prince Edward, we glean a few interesting particulars. He is unable to report any marked progress for the past year. He classifies the schools as follows: excellent 10, good 25, middling 27, poor 18. 4 teachers had a salary of \$400; 4 more from \$450 to \$500; 22 from \$300 to \$400; 38 from \$200 to \$300; and 7 less than \$200. School was kept open on an average 11 months and 7 days. In the matter of school visits, 331 are credited to trustees, 78 to clergymen, 40 to Municipal Councillors, and 158 were made by the Inspector, averaging in length nearly three hours each. In addition to a thorough examination of the schools open during each half year, a memorandum of the improvements required was left for the trustees of nearly every section. The great discouragement seems to be the lack of experienced teachers.

—We condense from the Brantford *Expositor* the proceedings of the Brant County Teachers' Association: This Association held its twelfth quarterly meeting in the Central School, on Saturday, 20th inst. and was one of the most successful yet held, nearly seventy teachers from all parts of the

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