

The law declares that a School Section shall forfeit its share of the School Fund, should its Trustees fail to furnish the Inspector with a full and satisfactory report at the end of the year. It will, therefore, save the Inspectors a good deal of time and trouble, and the Department some delay, if the Inspectors will promptly return to the Trustees all imperfect reports, so as to have each column correctly filled up. Should an Inspector's Reports to this Department be incomplete, they will have to be returned to him so that the desired information may be obtained.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to confer upon the undermentioned High Schools, the name and privileges of Collegiate Institutes, in accordance with the provisions of the School Law of Ontario, viz. :—

1. Galt High School, 12 Masters and an average attendance of 120 boys, in classics.
2. Hamilton High School, 4 Masters and an average attendance of 74 boys, in classics.
3. Peterboro' High School, 4 Masters and an average attendance of 73 boys, in classics.
4. Cobourg High School, 4 Masters and an average attendance of 65 boys, in classics.
5. Kingston High School, 4 Masters and an average attendance of 63 boys, in classics.
6. St. Catharines High School, 4 Masters and an average attendance of 62 boys, in classics.

His Excellency has been pleased to authorize the establishment of the following new High Schools,—suitable accommodation and the employment of two Masters having been guaranteed, viz. :—

- Parkhill, in the County of Middlesex.
Campbellford, in the County of Northumberland.

ASSISTANTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS A NECESSITY.

Trustees of High Schools will bear in mind that they are required to employ an Assistant Master, in order to give effect to the new programme. The qualifications of these assistants are, that they shall either hold a Public School Teacher's certificate, or at least be certified as an undergraduate in the faculty of Arts, of good standing in some university in Her Majesty's dominions.

The Trustees of each High School, now being established, are required, and freely consent to employ *two* masters in their School, whatever may be the number of pupils in attendance. In justice to these new Schools, and in order to carry out the prescribed programme of studies in High Schools, this rule will, at the close of the current six months, be applied to all the High Schools in Ontario. When the application of the new principle of "payment by results," (authorized by the Act of last year), will come into force, it will necessitate a more thorough and satisfactory system of instruction than at present exists in many of the High Schools.

TEACHERS SUPERANNUATION FUND MANAGEMENT.

As most contradictory and erroneous views are put forth by certain Teachers as to the management of the Superannuation Fund, we desire to say that under our system of Responsible Government, the management of such a Provincial fund by private persons would be a violation of a sound principle of public policy, and could never be permitted. The moneys for the Superannuation Fund received through the Inspectors (as it is well known) are at once transferred to the Treasury Department, into the custody of a responsible Minister of the Crown, to be managed by him. If he fails in his duty the remedy is simple; but no proof has been offered to show that he, or any other person having to do with the fund, has thus failed, and yet a good deal has been thoughtlessly said and reiterated in favour of the pernicious system of private control, to which we have referred.

RECEIPTS BY THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER, FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

For the year ended 31st December, 1871. (From the Public Accounts.)

SERVICE.	PARTICULARS.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Normal and Model Schools.	Fees, Pupils.....	4,924.00	
	Interest on \$1,100 Dom. Stock, to 30 Sept., '71.	66.00	
Depository.....	Sales of Maps, Apparatus, Prizes and Libraries during year.....		4,990.00
Superann'd Teachers.	Subscriptions during year.....	5,309.00	
	Interest on \$2,000 Dom. Stock, to 30 Sept., '71.	120.00	
Journal Education.	Subscriptions and advertisements.....		5,429.00
Museum.....	Sale of Photographs.....		180.66
Contingencies Ed. O.	Postage stamps.....		7.94
			72.39
	Total.....		35,450.65

W. R. HARRIS, Accountant.
Treasury Department, Ontario,
Toronto, December 30th, 1871.

A. MACKENZIE,
Treasurer.

FIRST LESSONS IN AGRICULTURE.

To the Editor of the Journal of Education.

SIR,—A scurrilous article having appeared in the *Globe* newspaper of this city, on "First Lessons in Agriculture," by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, attacking, among other matters, the orthography of parts of the work, we at once sent an explanation to the Editor (which he refused to insert,) to the effect that the author was not in any way responsible for any errors in the book. In the original MS. the words are all spelt as the *Globe* writer states that they should have been, (except some few words which the latter, in his ignorance of scientific terms, spells wrongly). The proof was not read by Dr. Ryerson, as he was absent during the time the book was being printed—but by a gentleman of great scientific ability, well known throughout the Province; and for any changes in the orthography of scientific terms he is responsible. With regard to other typographical errors, we may state that they only occur in the *Second Edition*, and arose from the fact that the Electrotype plates which we had prepared for that Edition, broke up when placed on the press, involving the necessity of resetting many pages, and in our anxiety to have the book ready in time for the schools, these proofs were not so carefully read by us as they ought to have been, this we very much regret; but the edition was small and is nearly exhausted. We are having the whole work carefully read, and if the utmost vigilance can secure it, we promise Teachers and Students that the third Edition shall be faultless.

Your obedient servants,

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