

The office of Deputy Superintendent of Education has been abolished; but the saving thus effected must be very temporary in its character, as assistance in some shape or other, in the Educational Office, cannot be long withheld.

After passing the half-year's estimates, including \$20,000 for Public School purposes, the Local Legislature was dissolved on the 10th ult. General election to come off almost immediately. Whatever may be the complexion of the next House, the Free School system will be fostered to the utmost extent of the Provincial revenue.

Letters from school teachers in the Eastern Provinces, and often from the States, are constantly reaching the Education Office in Victoria asking for situations, or all sorts of information. To all such but one reply can be given, namely, that should they go to the Pacific province they must take their chances of obtaining schools. With perhaps half-a-dozen such letters on file for answering, a situation or two was unexpectedly vacant; so that if some of these correspondents had only gone instead of writing, they would, as a matter of course, have dropped into work immediately on arrival. It is impracticable to import teachers for particular situations, as two or more months must elapse before they could reach the Province, while in the meantime the schools would have to remain vacant. Hence the necessity of making use of whatever material is on hand when vacancies occur, however indifferent such material may be.

The item in March number of the SCHOOL JOURNAL stating that Dr. Carlyle had "been appointed agent in Ontario for securing teachers for British Columbia" may be the means, if not contradicted, of greatly increasing the correspondence of that gentleman. He was agent for a while in 1875, and after a supply of teachers had been obtained the agency was discontinued, and no re-appointment has since been made.

FOREIGN.

COST OF EDUCATION.—The total cost per capita, based on the daily average attendance, in twenty of the leading cities of the United States:

Cities.	Supervision and Instruction.	Incidental or Contingent Expenses.	Total Cost per capita.
Baltimore.....	\$17.37	\$4.52	\$21.89
Boston.....	23.44	7.96	31.40
Chicago.....	16.73	3.33	20.06
Cincinnati.....	19.84	4.50	24.34
Cleveland.....	15.79	4.93	20.72
Columbus.....	15.96	6.22	22.18
Dayton.....	19.28	6.30	25.58
Detroit.....	12.42	6.20	18.62
Fort Wayne.....	17.87	6.58	24.45
Indianapolis.....	16.25	4.67	20.92
New Haven.....	18.09	4.72	22.81
Newark.....	15.00	4.92	19.92
New York.....	21.62	7.76	29.38
New Orleans.....	22.22	6.04	28.26
Pittsburg.....	19.13	6.02	25.15
Rochester.....	16.26	8.68	24.94
St. Louis.....	20.92	9.20	30.12
San Francisco.....	26.36	7.42	33.78
Springfield, Mass.....	21.83	8.56	30.39
Toledo.....	16.08	6.82	22.90

The Diet of the Grand Duchy of Coburg has resolved to give school teachers, after twenty-five years' services, their full pay as pension for life.

General Eaton, Commissioner of Education, reports that about 957,000,000 acres of land, \$47,785,177.93 in money, have been given outright by the United States Government to aid the cause of education.

The King of Sweden has made the University of Upsala a donation of 40,000 crowns, the yearly revenue from which is to be distributed as premiums to young authors of scientific works.

The Marquis of Bute has contributed to Glasgow University £170,000 sterling, for the endowment of Memorial Hall.

Gymnastic exercises for young ladies are a part of the regular instruction in a large number of the schools in Germany. In the higher schools in Berlin they have been for some time compulsory, and in October the same system was extended to all the communal schools for girls in the German capital.

It is said that the School Board of Glasgow, Scotland, has arranged to establish evening classes for teaching cookery.

Twenty-one freshmen were suspended from an English college because a professor couldn't find out who placed a ten ounce tangle in his chair. He, however, knew all about who sat down on it.

The New Haven Board of Education, at a late meeting, ordered that telephones be substituted for the telegraph system, to connect the various schools. Also, an order that no child shall be received in the lowest primary-room after the first week of any term, if not capable of entering a regular class.

A Maine Education Association lately passed the following resolution: *Resolved*, That this Association deem it for the interests of education that the text-books be owned and furnished by the towns.

Massachusetts has 6 Normal Schools with an attendance of 1067 pupils. There are 218 students in the State Normal School alone.

The Massachusetts Board urge the compulsory establishment of "technical" schools in towns of 10,000 inhabitants, and say, also, that the public-school course must eventually be extended so as to include free universities. The Board urge that private schools in the State should be brought under supervision similar to that of the public schools.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

BRANT COUNTY.

The next meeting of the Institute will be held in the Collegiate Institute, Brantford, on Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. Programme of Exercises:—**FRIDAY**, 9 to 10 a.m.—Preliminary business. 10 to 10.30 a.m.—English History (Stuart Period), Wm. E. Bradley. 10.30 to 11 a.m.—Arithmetic, the Unitary Method, Alex. Bourke. 10 to 11.30 a.m.—Spelling, how to teach it, J. W. Narrowway. 11.30 to 12 a.m.—Lecture on Hygiene, by Dr. D. Leslie Phillip, Brantford. 1.30 to 2 p.m.—A Reading from Dickens, by P. A. Whitney. 2 to 2.30 p.m.—Natural Science, J. W. Aytoun Finlay. 2.40 to 3 p.m.—English Literature and Composition, Dr. M. J. Kelly, I. P. S. 3 to 4 p.m.—Church Tower Literature, W. H. C. Kerr. 4 to 4.30 p.m.—Hints on School Discipline, James Mills. 4.30 to 5 p.m.—Report of Committee on Organization, &c. **SECOND DAY**, 9 to 9.30 a.m.—Hints on factoring in Algebra, W. Rothwell. 9.30 to 10 a.m.—Arithmetical Fractions, how to teach them, W. McIntosh. 10 to 10.30 a.m.—Music in School, J. J. Sims. 10.30 to 11 a.m.—English Grammar, J. Potch. 11 to 12 a.m.—Methods of teaching Arithmetic, Algebra, or Reading, by J. A. McLellan, LL.D. 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.—A Paper by S. Arthur Marling, M.A. 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—An Address by Rev. Wm. Cochran, M.A., D.D. 3.30 to 4 p.m.—Experiences, Charles Chasgrain. 4 to 5 p.m.—Miscellaneous. On the evening of the first day, a public meeting will be held, when Dr. McLellan, of Toronto, will deliver his Lecture, entitled "This Canada of Ours." Music and Readings will add to the attractiveness of the evening's entertainment.

Dr. M. J. KELLY, President.

W. ROTHWELL, Secretary.

WENTWORTH.

The next regular meeting of this Association will be held in the Lecture Room of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, on Friday and Saturday, 3rd and 4th of May. Programme.—**FRIDAY**, May 3rd.—Forenoon Session—10 to 11 a.m., Miscellaneous Business; 11 to 12 a.m., Examination Questions, Arithmetic and Grammar. Afternoon Session.—1.30 to 2 p.m., Election of Officers; 2 to 3 p.m., English Literature, T. C. L. Armstrong, M.A.; 3 to 4 p.m., Training of Teachers, Geo. Dickson, B.A.; 4 to 5 p.m., Question Drawer. Evening Session.—7.30 p.m., Moral Culture, Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D.; A Talk about Tonnyson, Rev. W. Stewart, D.D. **SATURDAY**, May 4th.—Forenoon Session—9 to 10 a.m., Music and how to teach it, A. Scott Cruickshank; 10 to 11 a.m., Stocks and Percentage, W. H. Ballard, M.A.; 11 to 12 a.m., How to teach reading, G. W. Johnson; 12 to 1 p.m., Miscellaneous Business. Vocal and instrumental music will be furnished by Professor Johnston and Collegiate Institute Glee Club. These meetings are open to the public. J. H. Smith, P. S. Inspector, President, Ancaster; Charles Macartney, Vice-President, Greensville; Robert McQueen, Treasurer, Kirkwall; David Bell, Secretary, Rockton. The above officers, together with Mr. B. E. Moore, of Frelton, form the Executive Committee of the Association.

LAMBTON.

Teachers' Association, Division 1, Lambton. Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th May, beginning at 9 a.m. J. A. McLellan, LL.D., Inspector of High Schools, will be present. Programme.—Thursday—9 to 10 a.m., Business Meeting; 10 to 11 a.m., Intellectual Arithmetic, Dr. McLellan; 11 to 12 a.m., Time Tables, J. S. Carson, I. P. S.; 2 to 3 p.m., English Literature, Dr. McLellan; 3 to 4 p.m., Lecture—Necessity for General Culture, Rev. J. B. Duncar; 4 to 5 p.m., Reading, Dr. McLellan. Friday—9 to 10 a.m., Algebra, Dr. McLellan; 10 to 11 a.m., Query Box, Committee; 11 to 12 a.m., Monthly examinations, T. White; 2 to 3 p.m., Object Lesson, J. Brebner, I. P. S.; 3 to 4 p.m., Grammar, A. E. Wallace; 4 to 5 p.m., How to keep pupils employed, C. A. Barnes. Dr. McLellan will also deliver a Lecture on Thursday evening, "Subject—THE CANADA OF OURS."

J. M. DUNCAN, Secretary.

C. A. BARNES, President.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—The semi-annual meeting of the Northumberland Teachers' Association was held in the Model School Building, Cobourg, Thursday and Friday, 28th and 29th March. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the County, and it might be added that its success was owing very largely to the presence of Dr. McLellan, High School Inspector, and President of the Ontario Teachers' Association. The President of the Association opened the meeting by delivering an able address, showing the necessity of such meetings. W. E. Sprague, Head Master County Model School, then addressed the teachers on "School Organization and Discipline." The address was replete with suggestions and methods of vital importance, which show that Mr. Sprague is thoroughly up to the position he occupies. N. L. Holmes next took up the subject of "Language Lessons," after which a discuss-