PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Affairs of University College and the School of Practical Science.

From the Varsity, April 2.

We have received from President Wilson a copy of his last annual report of University College. The returns, which have been most carefully compiled, show a still larger attendance, with a greater number of new entrants, than has been admitted to the college in any previous year. The number of matriculants last year was 128, and the total number in attendance on college lectures during the academic year was 462; of these 321 were undergraduates pursuing the full courses prescribed by the University for proceeding to a degree in arts. Last June 32 students, who had pursued their undergraduate studies in University College were admitted to degrees as follows: M.B., 6; LL.B., 1; M.A., 7; and B.A., 68. The figures are exclusive of those admitted to degrees, but who came from other colleges, or were exempted from attendance on lectures.

The college has received several gifts during the past year, which have been appropriated to the foundation of scholarships, to the purchasing of apparatus, and for the encouragement of various branches of study. The sum of $7000 has been received, of which $5000 goes to found scholarships, endowed by private benefaction, and the remaining $2000 for the better equipment of the department of Physics. Several individuals have established medals for competition in different courses, and Mr. Frederick Wyld has endowed a prize of the value of $25 in books for the encouragement of English composition. These gifts are most gratifying.

The number of teachers actively employed is 23; divided: 7 professors, 7 lecturers, 1 demonstrator of physics and 8 fellows. Another classification is 3 are engaged in instruction in classical literature, 3 in mathematics and physics, 2 in Oriental literature, 4 in modern and Romance languages, 1 in history and ethnology, 2 each in mental and moral philosophy, mineralogy and geology, chemistry and biology. The whole instruction in English literature and language is left to one lecturer, who is burdened in addition with Italian.

The report of the School of Practical Science includes part of the current Academic year, the Michaelmas term of 1885-7. The statistical information is as follows: I. Department of Engineering.—The number of graduates since 1881 is 22, the majority of whom are now engaged in the active practice of their profession. The number of regular students who presented themselves for examination in Easter term of 1886 was 41, of whom 31 passed. The number of students in engineering now in attendance is 45, of whom 8 expect to graduate this year. The number of special students is 9; total number of students in the Engineering Department 58. II. Mathematics and Physics.—The number of students in Engineering taking these courses is 48. III. Chemistry.—The numbers taking this course are as follows: University students, 79; Engineering students, 45; Medical students, 90. IV. Biology.—University students, 29. V. Mineralogy and Geology.—University students, 117; Engineering students, 15. The amount in fees paid to the Provincial Treasurer was $1490, being an increase of $325, as compared with last year.

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An Important Decision on School Discipline

From the Varsity, April 2.

The Education Department has furnished us with a copy of the report of the commissioner specially appointed to try the now somewhat noted case of John Idington, Q.C., v. Wm. McBride, M.A., of Stratford. The report is a voluminous one, giving a very full resume of the evidence submitted, with the Commissioner's rulings thereon. The complainant brought twenty-nine specific charges against Mr. McBride, and the commissioner's report is that none have been substantiated. The suit was the result of a personal feud of long standing, and now that it has been settled the Town of Stratford will, no doubt, resume its wonted quiet, so far as its educational interests are concerned. Educationally speaking, the chief point of value brought out was that touching a head master's right to reduce pupils from one form to another, "those who showed no signs of improvement, and whose conduct was not satisfactory." The complainant, as a member of the local School Board, refused to recognize this undoubted principle, and practically laid down the rule, which, as the Commissioner says, "would be to tie the hands of a master, and to make the pupils the judges of their own attainments, and the tribunal by which their status in a school should be determined." From an educational point of view we believe this decision to be a sound one, as it underlies the whole question of discipline in schools.

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From the Vancouver Herald, March 25.

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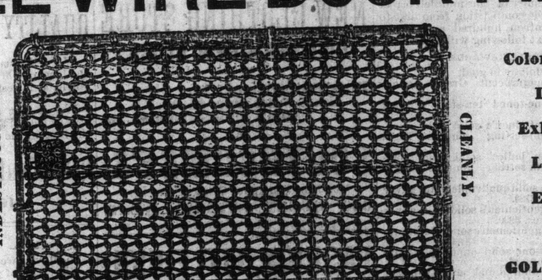

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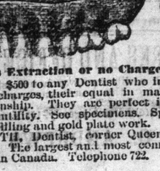

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