

the Newdigate, which was listened to with tolerable attention, and interrupted less than usual. The series of recitations approached completion, when attention was unfortunately attracted to a "white hat," held, though not worn, by a gentleman in the area. The Undergraduate is afflicted by a disease which, for want of a better name, we may term "Pileo-albo-phobia." At the sight of a hat of the obnoxious hue he foams; he shrieks; he is no longer master of his actions. The solemn warning had been given by the Vice-Chancellor; the warning was understood to imply a probability, at least, of the abolition of Commemoration for all time to come—a terrible consequence this, which those present would, one might have thought, fully appreciate; but all was in vain. With the hated "white hat" before their eyes, the infuriated mob of Undergraduates could do nothing but rave and hoot; and the Vice-Chancellor, unable to obtain attention, rose from his seat, and, accompanied by the Doctors, left the building. A volley of groans followed; the exact meaning and object of which appeared uncertain. We had thought disapproval of the abrupt termination of the proceedings was intended; but we have since heard that the Procuratorial staff was the special object of the demonstration.

XII. Departmental Notices.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

1. In regard to those Publishers and Printers who have transferred, or may hereafter transfer to the Chief Superintendent of Education, and to the control of the Council, the copyright of School Text Books which have been or may be approved and authorized by the Council, it is deemed right, and best for the encouragement of authors, and the maintenance of a proper standard in the mechanical execution of the books, that the Chief Superintendent of Education should not sanction or countenance, for at least twelve months after the authorization of such text books, the reprinting of them by any other than the party who has incurred the expense and responsibility of preparing and printing the first edition of such authorized school text books.

2. It is regarded by the Council as a duty in their acceptance of and subsequent action respecting the copyright of any book authorized by them to be used in the Public Schools, to secure the interests of the public by the issue of a good and suitable edition at a reasonable price, and, at the same time, to provide, so far as they properly can, for the adequate remuneration of both Author or Editor and Publisher.

3. The interests of the public are sufficiently secured by the existing arrangements, that no book or new edition shall be authorized by the Council without their previous examination and approval of matter, paper, typography, binding and price.

4. The interests of the Publisher are also sufficiently provided for by the arrangement that he shall have exclusive rights for at least one year.

5. With a view to the adequate remuneration of the Author or Editor, and the encouragement of the preparation of Literary or Scientific Works by Canadians, no extension of time shall be granted, nor any new or revised edition sanctioned or permitted without payment by the Publisher for the privilege; the amount and mode of such payment to be determined by arbitrators, one to be selected by the Council of Public Instruction, one by the Publisher, and an umpire, if required, to be selected by the two previously appointed. Such arbitrators shall also decide whether all or a portion, and if a portion, what portion, shall be paid to the Author or Editor, for the new revised edition, even though the latter shall have been prepared by another Editor specially employed for the work.

6. In the case of several publishers wishing to publish a new or revised edition, each shall pay the same amount.

7. The payment of the said arbitrators shall be divided equally between the Author or Editor and the Publisher or Publishers.

8. In those cases in which works that are not portions of a series, are approved by the Council before publication, tenders shall be invited by public advertisement, from Publishers within Canada, for the purchase of the exclusive right of publishing for at least one year, such tenders to state the retail price at which copies will be sold, and also whether the whole, or if only part, what part of each book will be executed within the Dominion.

9. New or revised editions shall not be published or advertised under the designation of new or revised editions until such date as may have been approved by the Council and communicated to the Publisher or Publishers.

10. Each Publisher of a new or revised edition shall give security, himself in \$2,000, and two sureties in \$1,000 each, guaranteeing that such edition, when completed, shall be, including each separate copy, in accordance with the official standard copy. The necessary bonds shall be prepared at the expense of the Publishers, and executed before permission to print or advertise the new or revised editions.

11. Before the receipt of the final authorization from the Council, satisfactory provisions must have been completed relative to the payment of the Author or Editor.

12. All new or revised editions, after January 1st, 1870, shall be printed in Canada, on paper made in the Dominion, and shall also be bound therein.

INTER-COMMUNICATIONS IN THE "JOURNAL."

As already intimated, a department is always reserved in the *Journal of Education* for letters and inter-communications between Local Superintendents, School Trustees and Teachers, on any subject of general interest relating to education in the Province. As no personal or party discussions have, ever since the establishment of the *Journal*, appeared in its columns, no letter or communication partaking of either character can be admitted to its pages; but, within this salutary restriction, the utmost freedom is allowed. Long letters are not desirable; but terse and pointed communications of moderate length on school management, discipline, progress, teaching, or other subject of general interest are always acceptable, and may be made highly useful in promoting the great object for which this *Journal* was established.

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Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools, or Teachers of the English branches in Grammar Schools, who are legally qualified Common School Teachers in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teacher's Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent, if they have not already done so, their subscriptions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year, commencing with 1854, and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "That no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum." No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, in accordance to the preceding regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS SUPPLIED TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS.

In the catalogue are given the net prices at which the books and school requisites enumerated therein may be obtained by the Public Educational Institutions of Upper Canada, from the Depository in connection with the Department. In each case, cash must accompany the order sent.

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TABLET READING LESSONS.

The new Tablet Reading Lessons, consisting of thirty-three large sheets, can be obtained at the Depository at 75 cts. per set; at \$1.00, free of postage; or \$4.50, mounted on cardboard. The 100 per cent. is allowed on these lessons when ordered with maps and apparatus, &c.