

dangerous to the streets and houses above them, until, in 1774 and 1777, the sinking down of a number of buildings in the vicinity of the Boulevard Neuf and the Barrière d'Enfer, (one house among others, was buried in an abyss of eighty feet depth) drew the attention of the public to the alarming fact. Since then, up to this very day, uninterrupted even by the political revolutions of France, examinations and labors of all kinds have been set on foot at the expense of the city of Paris in order to prevent further accidents. The whole of this cavernous maze has been explored in every direction, the streets and roads running above have been ascertained, and props, pillars, supports, and buttresses have been erected wherever they seemed necessary, so that, at present, it appears the Parisians may sleep in quiet. At least, one is led to this conclusion by the fact, that the annual expenses for the works, which in former years, reached the average amount of 100,000 francs, have been reduced, for the present year, to 5,000 francs. The Atlas of MM. Lorieux and De Fourey will be, at all events, a most useful and interesting addition to our knowledge of Paris.

Departmental Notices.

To Municipal and School Corporations in Upper Canada.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law.

In selecting from the General and Supplementary Catalogues, parties will be particular to give merely the catalogue number of the book required, and the department from which it is selected. To give the names of books without their number and department, (as is frequently done,) causes great delay in the selection and despatch of a library. The list should be written on a distinct sheet of paper from the letter, attested by the corporate seal and signature of the Trustees; or by the corporate seal and signature of the Reeve or Clerk of the Municipalities applying for libraries. See accompanying Form.

SCHOOL MAPS AND APPARATUS.

The Legislature having granted annually, from the commencement of 1855, a sufficient sum of money to enable the Department to supply Maps and Apparatus (not text-books) to Grammar and Common Schools, upon the same terms a Library Books are now supplied to Trustees and Municipalities the Chief Superintendent of Education will be happy to add one hundred per cent. to any sum or sums, not less than five dollars transmitted to the Department; and to forward Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required by the Trustees. In all cases it will be necessary for any person, acting on behalf of the Trustees, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Trustees. A selection of articles to be sent can always be made by the Department, when so desired.*

* *The Form of Application should be as follows:*

SIR,—The undersigned, Trustees [Reeve, or Clerk] of ———, being anxious to supply the Section (or Township) with suitable school requisites, [or library books,] hereby make application for the [maps, books, &c.,] enumerated in the accompanying list, in terms of the Departmental notice, relating to maps and apparatus, [or library books.] The [maps or library books] selected are, *bonâ fide*, for the use of the school [or municipi-

pality:] and they hereby pledge themselves and their successors in office, not to dispose of them, nor permit them to be disposed of to any private party or for any private purpose whatsoever; but that they shall be appropriated exclusively to the use of the school, [or municipality,] in terms of the Regulations granting one hundred per cent. on the present remittance.

In testimony whereof, the Trustees [Reeve, or Clerk] of the ——— above mentioned ——— hereto affix their names and seal of office this ——— day of ———, 185—, at ———.
[Name.] [Seal.]

We hereby authorise ——— to procure for us the ——— above mentioned, ——— in terms of the foregoing application.
[Name of Trustees, &c.]

TO THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, TORONTO.

NOTE.—A Corporate Seal must be affixed to the foregoing application, otherwise it is of no legal value. Text-books cannot be furnished on the terms mentioned above. They must be paid for in full at the net catalogue price. The 100 per cent. will not be allowed on any sum less than \$5, which must be remitted in one sum.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time, of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent, without delay, (if they have not already done so), their annual subscription of \$4, commencing with 1854. The law authorising 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.*" This proviso of the law will be strictly enforced in all cases; and intimation is thus early given to all Teachers, who have not yet sent in their subscriptions, to enable them to comply with the law, and so prevent future misunderstanding or disappointment, when application is made to be placed as a pensioner on the fund.

EXAMINATION OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERS.

The next quarterly examination of Grammar School Masters will be held at the Normal School, Toronto, on the first Monday in July. Names of candidates to be sent in to T. J. Robertson, Esq., the Chairman of the Committee of Examiners, one week previous to the day of examination.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.—The forms for Common School Trustees' Semi-Annual Returns will be sent to the Local Superintendents for distribution early in June.

The APPORTIONMENT FOR 1856 will be published in the next number of the Journal.

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