

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF EDUCATION for the year 1882-83 from British Columbia gives a very clear and concise statement of the educational affairs of that province. The Government contributes about \$61,000 towards the education of the 3,000 children in attendance at the public schools. There are sixty-two teachers employed in the province at an average salary of \$60.86 per month. The teachers are paid for twelve months in the year and are allowed July and two weeks at Christmas for holidays. The highest monthly salary paid to any teacher in the province is \$110 and the lowest \$45. The appendix to the report contains a very excellent series of rules and regulations for the guidance of teachers, pupils, and trustees of schools. The examination of candidates for teachers' certificates is very exacting. It extends over five days for the elementary diploma and ten days for the higher grades of diploma. C. C. McKenzie, Esq., M.A., Cantab, is the Superintendent of Education.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The intense competition arising from the competitive school examinations prescribed by the Education Department in Ontario has proved too strong for the moral sense of some of the candidates. A public investigation has revealed the fact that for several years past candidates in Simcoe county have been able to abstract the question papers from the office of the inspector and distribute them before the day of the examination.

School Readers.—The reader question which has been the burning educational question of the Elementary Schools of Ontario for some time has assumed a new phase under the new minister of Education, who is taking steps to secure one series of Readers for the whole province.

Dr. Alpheus Todd, the chief Librarian of Parliament died on the morning of January 22nd, at his home in Ottawa. For twenty-seven years he had held the position of Librarian, his extensive information upon all subjects making his presence invaluable to those who made use of the Library. His writings upon Parliamentary Government are recognized as standard works in England as well as in this country.

The name of S. E. Dawson, of Montreal, has been mentioned in connection with the vacant position. We know of no one so well qualified for the position as Mr. Dawson.

The Hon. Judge Day.—The sudden death of the Hon. Charles Dewey Day, ex-judge of the local Court of Queen's Bench, has caused the deepest regret throughout the province. As president of the Royal Institution for the advancement of learning as chancellor of McGill University and as member of the Council of Public Instruction, he was very closely identified with