

## EXTRACTS FROM DIARY OF PARK SCHOOL

1871

- March 21st—The election of representatives in the Local Legislature took place to-day. The Hon. M. C. Cameron for East Toronto and Mr. A. Crook for West Toronto.  
This day is also celebrated for the marriage of the Princess Louise to the Marquis of Lorne.
- April 6th—Received this morning a note from the Superintendent\* informing me that the public schools were to be closed for the usual Easter Holidays, commencing to-day at 4 p.m. and continuing until the 17th inst.—and also directing me to tell the caretaker to thoroughly scrub and clean the school rooms during the vacation.  
Gave an order on Mr. Barber for cutting three cords of wood.
- April 27th—The Superintendent visited the school this morning and spent the whole forenoon in examining the Third Division boys in Arithmetic.
- May 1st—The requisites were received to-day and a copy of the annual report of the Local Superintendent to each of the teachers.
- May 5th—The inclemency of the weather yesterday caused a small attendance at school.
- May 9th—Several boys were absent yesterday afternoon on account of attending a funeral.
- May 11th—A statement of the repairs required in and about the school and yard was sent to the Secretary to-day forenoon.
- May 12th—The Committee on Sites and Buildings, etc., Messrs. Bain and W. B. McMurrich, accompanied by the Secretary, Mr. Barber, visited the school this a.m. to see what was required in the way of repairs, etc.
- May 23rd—The City schools will be closed for the usual holiday on the Queen's birthday. J. Porter, L.S.
- May 29th—Received this morning 6 programmes—one for each Division—of coming combined examination on 12th and 13th prox.
- May 30th—The combined examination will take place at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 12th, at Victoria Street School house. Headmasters will send to the Local Superintendent's Office, not later than on Wednesday, the 7th of June, the names of pupils, male and female, of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions, selected by their respective teachers to compete at said examination. They will also state whether, should scholarships be awarded to boys from their 3rd Divisions, the boys will accept them or prefer prizes.  
Each pupil from a 2nd or a 3rd Division will bring to the combined examination, as a specimen of hand-writing, Luke 10, 27th. The name of the pupil and that of the school, and the Number of the Division will be written under the specimen. The usual Summer Examinations will take place on Thursday, June 29th from 9.30 a.m. until noon, and from 1.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. The examinations will be conducted according to a programme to be posted by each teacher. The usual notices to parents and guardians will be given orally by teachers, through the pupils, and in writing by Principal Teachers to their Local Trustees, and to School Visitors who reside near their respective schools. Headmasters will bring

\*The title of "Local Superintendent" later gave way to that of "Public School Inspector," and again later, to "Chief Inspector."