

education, a special meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was called by the Superintendent of Education at the request of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and resolutions were passed deprecating any organic change in the educational system without giving the committee an opportunity of expressing their opinion thereon, at the same time assuring the Government that its members will offer all the assistance in their power towards the rendering of inspection both efficient and economical, and praying that the grant to McGill Normal School be not decreased. The Chairman, Dr. Dawson was authorized to submit these resolutions to the Government at a conference to be held afterwards, as also to express the satisfaction of the committee with, and its confidence in, the Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Superintendent of Education, and its regret that his salary should be reduced by Government.

The changes in educational matters made during the session of Parliament about to close are not as numerous and sweeping as they were reported likely to be, or perhaps as they were intended, for a closer examination into facts doubtless modified the views of the Cabinet.

The principal changes and the saving thereby effected are as follows:—The Book Depository has been done away with, which for the year ending 30th June, 1878, cost \$15,000, and for the year ending 30th June 1879, cost \$6,500; the grant to the Normal Schools has been reduced from \$46,000 to \$42,000 per annum; the *Journal of Public Instruction* has been abolished, which was kept up at an annual cost of \$4,000; there are to be no more prize-books, which involved an outlay to the Province every year of \$6,500; the grant for School Inspection has been reduced from \$28,625 last year to \$20,000.

If the Normal Schools can be conducted as efficiently as before on the sum now granted, well; but if their efficiency and usefulness are impaired by the diminution of the grant, it is questionable economy.

There may be defects in the system of inspection, and if there are they ought to be enquired into and remedied, but there are certainly few things that will do more to promote the best interests of education than an able and judicious Inspectors of the schools, and it is to be feared that the present diminution of the grant for inspection will fall heavily on some Inspectors of long standing, who have done faithful service.

The Education Bill proposed to reduce the salary of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from \$4,000 to \$3,000 per annum, but the feeling against this was so strong on the part of both committees of the Council of Public Instruction, with whom the present able and courteous incumbent, the Hon. G. Ouimet, is a great favorite, that this clause of the bill was at last unanimously set aside.

James Mitchell, Esq., graduate of Glasgow University, first-prizeman in Natural Philosophy, Glasgow, and Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland, has just been appointed rector of the High School, Quebec.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A Teachers' Association, organized under the recently published Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction, was held at Kentville, Kings Co., on August 28th and 29th: A large majority of the teachers of the county were present and enrolled themselves as members. The proceedings were of much interest. The Association was presided over by Colin W. Roscoe, Esq., Inspector of Schools. An address was delivered by the Superintendent of Education. A fuller report of this interesting meeting will appear in next month's notes.

A partial Pass List of the July Examinations in connection with the University of Halifax has been published. It is as follows: M.B.—Norman E. McKay, Halifax Medical College. LL.B.—John Leonard Sinclair, James McDonald Oxley, William Edward MacLellan. 1st LL.B.—Edmund Leslie Newcombe, Frederick P. Outram. 1st B.A.—Samuel C. Murray, Mount Allison College; S. Dunn Scott, Mount Allison College; John Mc Kercher, Private Study; F. W. Vroom, King's College. B.A.—Examiners' reports not handed in. B.Sc.—Examiners' reports not handed in.

The annual examinations for teachers' licenses took place on the 22nd of July and three following days. It is understood that there was, as compared with the previous year, a reduction of nearly fifty per cent. in the number of candidates presenting themselves.

The report that John T. Mellish, Esq., A.M., Principal of the Albro Street School, Halifax, has accepted a position in the Normal School of Prince Edward Island, has been formally contra-

dicted by that gentleman in a letter addressed to the Halifax Board of School Commissioners.

Mr. Archibald, Principal of the Tower Road School, Halifax, has resigned his position. It is understood that he proposes to complete a University course preparatory to entrance upon one of the professions.

George Monroe Grant, Esq., of New York, the well-known publisher of the "Seaside Library," has founded a "Physic Chair" in Dalhousie College. The income of the endowment is \$2,000 per year. Mr. M. Grant was formerly a school teacher in Halifax.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

WEST BRUCE.—A meeting of this Association was held in the Central School, Kincardine, on June 19th and 20th. A communication from Waterloo Teachers' Association respecting the training and certificates of Third Class Teachers was read, but was not approved of. Miss Maggie Sinclair read a paper on "Sowing and Reaping." A lively discussion on the advisability of substituting Classics or Modern Languages for the group, Philosophy, Chemistry and Book-keeping, on Second Class Examinations, resulted in the following resolution, viz.: "That in view of the substituted subjects not being those which are required to be taught by Second Class Teachers, and in addition, that such substitution may have, and indeed often has, the effect of leading to the neglect of the important subjects of Philosophy, Chemistry and Book-keeping, this Association is strongly of the opinion that there should be a return to the former programme, viz., that the latter subjects be required of all candidates for Second Class certificates." Dr. McLellan, H. S. I., dealt with "Factoring in Algebra," and "How to introduce Arithmetic to beginners," after which the following resolution was unanimously carried: Moved by Mr. F. O. Powell, seconded by Mr. Benjamin Freer, "That this Association having heard Dr. J. A. McLellan's admirable lectures on Algebra and Arithmetic, record a hearty vote of thanks, expressive of its high appreciation of his masterly style of presenting these subjects, and that especial mention be made of his novel and labor-saving methods of handling algebraic quantities, containing symmetrical expressions, exact divisors, and linear factors, as well as of his lucid and highly practical manner of teaching Arithmetic to beginners, feeling confident that every teacher present must go away with new and improved ideas on these subjects, and the best methods of teaching them." Another paper was now read, on "The Teacher's duties and influence," by Mr. Benjamin Freer, Head Master Kincardine High School. Mr. Lane introduced Mental Arithmetic, and was followed by several others, after which Mr. G. W. Priest illustrated his method of teaching vulgar fractions. Messrs. Theobald and McKellar gave some very nice illustrations on mathematical geography. Then followed a lesson on Third Class Literature, by Mr. B. Freer. On the evening of the first day, Dr. McLellan delivered his excellent lecture on "This Canada of ours," in the Town Hall, to an attentive audience. The officers for the current year are Mr. A. Campbell, Inspector, President; Mr. G. W. Bowman, First Vice; Mr. Geo. Priest, Second Vice, and Mr. A. H. Smith, Sec. -Treas. The next meeting will be held in the same place in September.

A. H. SMITH, Secretary.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO.

FIRST CLASS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION, JULY, 1879.

The following are the successful candidates at the recent first-class examination:—

NON-PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

Grade A.—Wm. Cassidy, W. H. G. Colles, Smith Curtis, Kate Hagerty, Wm. Johnston, Samuel N. McCreedy.

Grade B.—Welbern Atkins, Katharine Ballantine, John T. Bowerman, D. B. Johnston, Helen McMurdoch, Donald Marshall, Geo. E. Phoenix, Richard Shepherd, Lafayette Welch.

Grade C.—Fred Burrows, Richard C. Cheesewright, Thos. Cameron, Alfred T. Day, Thomas Dunsmore, Miles Ferguson, Sydney Foster, Thomas Frazer, Henry Gray, Nicholas Kellet, Jennie M. Lalor, F. Lamoreaux, Joseph Maguire, Margaret A. Mills, Freeman H. Moyer, Thomas McLaughlin, Alex. A. McTavish, Wm. F. Rittenhouse, John W. Scott, Janie Thomas, James Winterborn, S. C. Woodworth.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

Grade A.—William Cassidy, W. H. G. Colles, Smith Curtis, Kate Hagerty, Wm. Johnston, Samuel N. McCreedy.