

Council of Public Instruction.

Important alterations have been made, some of them we believe, judiciously, and others the reverse, on both the High and Public School Law of Ontario, by the Local Legislature at their late session. To-day we call the attention of our readers to the change that has been made in the constitution of the Council of Public Instruction—a body regarding which much dissatisfaction has for a long time prevailed, and many complaints have been uttered.

By the Act recently passed eight members of the Council are to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, four of whom shall hold office for one year from the third Tuesday in August next, and the other four for two years from that date. Those retiring in 1875 to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Council, after the passing of the Act, and those subsequently appointed to hold office for two years. When a vacancy occurs, whether by revocation of the appointment, death, resignation or any other cause, the Lieutenant-Governor may fill the same for the unexpired term the individual had to serve.

The Council of University College, Toronto, and each other College possessing University powers, may elect a member on or before the third Tuesday in August next, and of every subsequent year, and the persons so elected shall be members of the Council for all purposes of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, the selection and approval of library and prize books, and for every other purpose not relating exclusively to Public Schools.

One member is to be elected by the legally qualified masters and teachers of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes; another by the Inspectors of Public Schools (each of whom shall continue in office one year from the time of his election) and another, who shall continue in office two years, is to be chosen by the legally qualified teachers of Public and Separate Schools.

The Chief Superintendent is to be ex officio, a member of the Council.

For the purpose of the election of their representative, by the teachers of Public and Separate Schools, Public School Inspectors are required to prepare and publicly exhibit in their office a list of the names, alphabetically arranged, with their post office address, of all legally qualified teachers under their jurisdiction, not later than the fifteenth day of June next, and the fifteenth day of June in every second year thereafter, which list may be examined by any one interested, at any reasonable time for one month from that date. This list must be sent to the Chief Superintendent of Education not later than the fifteenth day of July of each year that elections are to be held, and all persons whose names are thereon shall be entitled to vote. Every High School or Collegiate Institute Board or Board of Education, as Union Boards are henceforth to be designated, is to furnish a similar list of every legally qualified master and teacher in their employ, in a High School or Collegiate Institute.

It will be seen from the brief outline we have thus given, of the changes made in the constitution of the Council of Public Instruction, that the machinery to be set in motion is somewhat cumbersome, and presents an opportunity for a great amount of wire-pulling. When it is taken into consideration that the Public and Separate School teachers now number considerably upwards of five thousand (5,476 according to latest published returns) scattered over the Province, it will be acknowledged that there will be no easy matter to collect their voting papers at the Education Department, to which they have to be sent, to scrutinize and arrange them, and determine the candidate who has received the majority of votes. It may be a question whether the election of one man for such a large body who are the strength of our educational interests generally, who come in such close contact with the yeomanry of our land, and who impart such an exceedingly large proportion of the instruction which the majority of our people require and receive, is worth all the time and trouble and expense it must cost. And then, their representative, and indeed no member of the Council, can be an Inspector, a master or teacher, under the Public, Separate or High School Acts—a provision for which several reasons may be assigned, but which greatly narrows the circle of their choice, excludes those with whom they may be best acquainted, in whom they have the fullest confidence as conversant with their wants and interests, and to whom they could look with the expectation that they would propose some changes in the regulations of the Council which they feel at present to be income and injurious. No great inconvenience is likely to be experienced by the Inspectors or Masters and Teachers of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes in complying with the law as it affects them.

Judging from the letters appearing in some of our contemporaries, considerable excitement is already showing itself as to the choice of candidates. Many, perhaps most, of the Teachers in the High Schools,

speak of Dr. Wilson, Professor in University College, Toronto, as their man. Some of the Inspectors have met and appear to have agreed to recommend Mr. S. C. Wood, M.P.P. for South Victoria, as their choice. Other names also have been spoken of, G. J. Smith being among the number. No opportunity, however, will be afforded of forming any certain conclusion regarding the voting papers have been opened and examined. Our hope is that men will be chosen who will see it to be their duty considerably to modify the programme of instruction in force in our schools for the last three years, and banish from them some of the text books prescribed, and which must have been a source of no small revenue either to their authors or publishers or both, but which have drawn largely upon the pockets of parents and guardians, and on the brains of our children, without any adequate return.

Grand Trunk Railway.

The half yearly meeting of this Company was held in London in the early part of April, and the report then submitted is not of a very favorable character. The chairman stated that the Directors expected to realize £75,000 on the traffic in 1873 to pay dividend to the first preference bondholders, but that the panic in the United States last fall had tended to reduce the traffic, causing a loss in revenue of £100,000, so that these bondholders will receive no dividend. He estimated the increased revenue for 1874 at £150,000. The Company would soon have to provide for the change of gauge over the remaining portion of the line, and for this purpose, as well as for laying other portions of the road where the iron rails were still used, 23,000 tons of steel rails were required for 1874-5. Over 260 miles were relaid with steel rails last year, and this year they proposed to relay 280 miles. In all there were some 530 miles laid with steel rails out of a total length of 1,380 miles. The cost of maintenance on the part of the road laid with steel rails was greatly reduced. Several wooden bridges would have to be renewed on the Portland and Detroit sections of the road. The traffic for the first ten weeks of this year was £41,000 better than in the corresponding period of last year. It was proposed to change the gauge on the Quebec line this year. The chairman then alluded to the scheme for issuing £8,000,000 of debenture stock at about 90, bearing 5 per cent interest per annum. This was proposed to be issued for the payment of the equipment bonds, the Atlantic and St. Lawrence bonds, the postal service bonds, the Buffalo bridge bonds, and other outstanding securities, including £1,200,000 for the general purposes of the Company. In referring to the resignation of Mr. Brydges, he said the Board has accepted it with great regret. Capt. Tyler in seconding the motion for the adoption of the report, remarked "that at present the condition of the company was disheartening. They had not yet got the traffic they expected, and the traffic they had was carried at lower rates than formerly, which was very disappointing. The rates were affected by the panic and depression in America. No doubt when that ceased there would be a rebound. They would soon have a saving in the cost of maintenance, wages would be reduced, the block of traffic at Portland would be removed, and Buffalo bridge would have a large increase of traffic over it, whereas the connections of other lines with it were completed. They were at present too much depressed, but there was no real foundation for it."

ALEX. F. PRIDE, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Herald office, Guelph, Guelph, Dec. 1872.

BIRTHS.
KEE—In Guelph Township, on the 30th April, the wife of Mr. James H. Kee, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
LEIGH—FRENCH—In Chicago, on the 25th March, by the Rev. J. H. Morrison, George B. Leigh, printer, formerly of Leamington, Ontario, and previous to that of Guelph, to Ella M. French, formerly of Auburn, N.Y.

BAKER—ELLENBOURN—On the 29th, by the Rev. W. Williams, at Baker's Hotel, Guelph, Mr. Oliver Baker, of Elmhurst, to Miss Leah Ellenbourn, of the same place.

CHANCERY SALE.

OF
Valuable Farm near Guelph.

In pursuance of the Decree and Order of the Court of Chancery in a suit of Blong vs. Crawley, and with the approval of Thomas Warlaw Taylor, Esq., Master in Ordinary of the said Court, will be sold by public auction by W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer, at his auction rooms, in the Town of Guelph, on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, in one parcel, the following freehold land and premises, viz: The southwest part, otherwise known as the front half of Lot No. 12, in the 7th concession of the Township of Puslinch, containing by admeasurement one hundred acres more or less, of which 25 are cleared and under cultivation, and fifteen well timbered with good hardwood. On it are a frame house and large barn, with stone cellar underneath. It is distant from Guelph about five miles. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid fixed by the Master. One tenth of the purchase money at the time of sale to be paid to the vendor or his solicitors; a further sum sufficient with the deposit to make one-half the purchase money to be paid within three weeks from the time of sale without interest; the balance to be secured by mortgage payable at the end of four years with interest at seven per cent, payable yearly. Upon payment of one half and giving mortgage as aforesaid the purchaser will be entitled to his conveyance, and to be in the possession. The other conditions are the standing conditions of the said Court.

For further particulars apply at the law offices of Messrs. Rose & Macdonald, Toronto; and Messrs. Dunbar, Merritt & Biscoe, Guelph.

Dated 21st April, 1874.

ROSE & MACDONALD, T. W. TAYLOR, Solicitors.

Vendor's Solicitors. wtd-onwd

It is expected that the session will close about the third or fourth week of May.

The Hon. Mr. Cartwright has given notice of resolutions relating to the licensing of rectifiers, taking the articles manufactured by them, and providing for a chemical analysis of such articles if the buyer requires it, so as to determine whether it is adulterated with any deleterious ingredients.

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3rd.—175 acres, 3 1/2 miles from Guelph, 140 cleared, well fenced and in a high state of cultivation. A large stone house and frame barn and outbuildings complete. There are ten acres of unenclosed bush land, an excellent orchard, and a never failing spring near the house. This is in every respect a desirable property.

4th.—100 acres just outside of the Corporation of Guelph, excellent land, well fenced and in good condition. A large stone house, well finished, frame barn, good orchard. A good supply of water, and 10 acres of standing bush.

5th.—That valuable property known as Victoria Place, comprising six acres of land; a house containing six rooms; a good garden with fruit trees; also a great variety of ornamental trees. Situated on the road to the Agricultural College Farm, in an eligible position, commanding a view of a large portion of the town.

6th.—25 acres, adjoining the College Farm, 1 1/2 miles from the Market. The land is of an excellent quality, situated on two roads. No buildings. It can be divided into small park lots to suit purchasers if required.

7th.—The east half of Lot 8, 12th Concession, Maryborough, 100 acres. The land is of the best quality, one mile from the village of Scotchman, three from a railway, and one from the gravel road to Guelph. There are 60 acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation. House and barn, frame, a small orchard, pump, well, &c.

8th.—200 acres of excellent land in the Township of Luther, 3 1/2 miles from Arthur Station, and one mile from a saw mill. A few acres cleared, with a log house. The balance is covered with valuable timber of various kinds.

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Guelph, April 8, 1874. wmdow

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