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DON'T forget the great Convention, July 14th—17th!

HEREAFTER High Schools can be established only in municipalities containing not less than one thousand of a population, unless in cases in which a district is formed of more municipalities than one, in which case the minimum population is fixed at three thousand.

It is now provided that Entrance Examinations are not necessarily confined to the High School districts. Where County Councils desire to hold examinations for the convenience of country pupils outside a High School district they are empowered so to do on giving notice to the County Inspector. All the expenses of such examinations, if not held at the request of the High School Board, are to be paid by the County Councils.

THE new High School building which is being erected in Montreal on the site of that which was destroyed by fire a few months ago, will be, it is claimed, the finest structure of its kind in America. The edifice, which is to be ready for occupation next January, will be in the form of a hollow square, occupying a whole block 200 feet by 250 feet. It will be of red brick with stone trimmings. It will be two stories in height, with basement, and will contain about fifty class-rooms and offices,

giving accommodation for some 1,600 children. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$185,000.

AT the recent Second Class professional examinations at the Toronto and Ottawa Normal Schools, twenty males and ninety-four females were successful at Toronto, and thirty-two males and fifty females at Ottawa, making a total addition of nearly two hundred to the second-class ranks. Mr. Neil A. Campbell is the Toronto, and Miss Margaret McFarlane the Ottawa Medallist. The other names in the honor list are, Toronto:—Misses Dent, Freleigh, Kennedy, King, Porter, Simmons; Ottawa:—Miss Alexander.

OUR subscribers will please bear in mind that THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL, following in part their good example, takes an annual rest during the month of August. No JOURNAL is published on August 1st or 15th. Promptly on the first day of September they may expect its re-appearance, in renewed strength and vigor. Improvement is still the order of the day and we hope and confidently expect to make THE JOURNAL, during the next school year, brighter, more helpful, and better in every respect, than in any previous year.

It is announced that a meeting of Canadian teachers will be held during the International Convention under the auspices of the Minister of Education for Ontario, with the view of forming a Dominion Teachers' Association. If the idea is found practicable there can be no doubt that much good will result from the periodical interchange of views and experiences between teachers representing the different Provinces of the Dominion. The project will be attended with some difficulty owing to the magnificent distances which separate the Provinces. It may also be well worth considering whether an "International Convention," including the United States and Canada, would not be a still better arrangement. Education, like religion, should overleap and ignore all national boundaries.

WE are sorry to have been obliged to hold over a number of reports of teachers' institutes which have come to hand, in

order to make room for matter, some of which has been in type for some time. As explained elsewhere the next number is to be a special number. Hence we shall be unable to publish the reports until after the holidays, which will, we fear, be too late. We shall at least go through them carefully and may, perhaps, be able to summarize the important points. If, however, those who dealt with special subjects or prepared papers of a useful and practical character, would be kind enough to send us abstracts we should be glad to give place to as many as possible during the coming school year. Inspectors and secretaries may help us and the work very materially by informing us of specially good articles or inducing the authors to send them to us. We shall be grateful for all such aid, though, of course, we may not be able to publish all that we should like to give.

WE can readily believe that after a hard year's work the great majority of our subscribers will enjoy a rest for a month or two from purely professional work. We propose, therefore, that our issue for July 15th—the last before our annual holiday—shall be of an entirely different character and make-up from those of the ordinary numbers. Dropping the departmental arrangement, we hope to have the whole available space of THE JOURNAL filled with brief articles written specially for its columns, by some of the best authorities on educational subjects in Canada. These subjects will be chosen with special reference to the forthcoming International Convention. The aim will be to furnish a number that may be of equal interest to Canadian teachers and to our visiting brethren from across the line. Portraits of Hon. W. T. Harris, Commissioner of Education for the United States, and of Hon. George W. Ross, Minister of Education, Ontario, and probably illustrations of other kinds, will be given in the best modern style, by the photogravure process. Realizing that every teacher in Ontario and very many from the United States will want one or more copies of this historical number, the Publishers are preparing to issue a large edition, with handsome cover. Look out for it.