

recommended by the Central Committee appear in the authorized list, which has been published in the JOURNAL.

A. C.—The vacations in Public Schools in Ontario, except those in places where there are High Schools, are from the 8th of July to the 17th of August inclusive, and from the 24th of December to the 2nd day of January inclusive.

L. E. B.—The next session of the Normal School for second class teachers will begin on April 5th, 1878. Notice must be sent to the Deputy Minister before March 20th. An "Intermediate certificate" obtained in December, 1876, and a certificate from your Inspector showing one year's successful teaching, will entitle you to enter.

SUBSCRIBER, Port Hope — Please see February number of JOURNAL.

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Notes and News.

ONTARIO.

A new High School has just been established at Mount Forest. The Belleville School Board have elected Mr. W. A. Sheppard, chairman.

Rev. Walter Ross has been elected chairman of Carlton Place High School Board.

The Perth Town Council have elected Rev. Dr. Chisholm, who is a Roman Catholic, as a member of the High School Board. This is liberal.

Dr. George Wright is chairman of Toronto Public School Board for 1878.

Col. Wylie has been elected Chairman of the Brockville Public School Board for the 17th time.

Judge Gowan has been again elected Chairman of the Barrie High School Board.

Mr. John A. Scott has been elected Chairman of the Stratford High School Board.

Mr. D. K. McKenzie has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Education for St. Thomas.

Goderich proposes to have a new High School building.

Halifax is taking up the question of thorough ventilation.

Brockville has improved the ventilation of its Victoria Central School.

Oshawa has done away with the plan of centralizing the advanced classes in the public schools. Alas for Oshawa!

The School Inspector of South Essex has resigned his office, to take effect from the 1st of January next.

At the recent December examination, 157 teachers' non-professional second-class certificates were granted, 50 of the Grade A, the remaining 107, Grade B.

The Hamilton School Board are considering whether the admission of students from a distance is, or is not, in the interest of the city. The question has been referred to a special committee.

The Public School Trustees of Mount Forest have decided on erecting an addition to the Central School building, which will involve an expenditure of between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

The new Public School at Port Dalhousie will cost, when completed, \$5,500, and the new High School at Wardsville has been erected at a cost of \$6,000.

The corner stone of Alma College at St. Thomas is expected to be laid on the Queen's birthday. The building will cost \$27,294, of which \$15,000 is now subscribed.

Dr. Carlyle, of the Toronto Normal School, has been appointed agent in Ontario for securing teachers for British Columbia.

The chairman of a Grange meeting at Avonton closed a discussion on the educational matters of Ontario as follows:—He thought "our system good, our teachers all that could be wished, and though some men might be arbitrary, the most of inspectors were the right men in the right place."

The Ontario Business College, Belleville, has become very popular as a business training school. The Principals, Messrs. W. B. Robinson and J. W. Johnson, were recently the recipients of an address from the students, expressive of the great satisfaction which they experienced in the unwearied exertions made by the Principals and the staff of the College to impart a sound business education, and of the high personal esteem in which they were held by the students. It is gratifying to notice such marks of kindly feeling existing between teachers and the taught, and speaks very highly for the success of the College. We also notice that the students have formed themselves into a literary and debating society, and meet every Friday at 4 o'clock p. m.

It is gratifying to be able to state that our Collegiate Institutes are in some instances at least, if not in all, in a really flourishing condition. From the Brantford *Expositor* we learn that during 1877 the Institute in that town sent up to Toronto University the first proficiency scholar of the year, who also was a double scholarship man. It sent up also the best classical scholar of the 84 or 85 who matriculated in Victoria University last September. Another of the pupils of the Institute took the second proficiency scholarship of Trinity College, Toronto, and a fourth was the only candidate who passed the senior matriculation in civil engineering at McGill University. At the July examination for teachers eight of the ten successful candidates for second-class teachers in the whole county hailed from the Institute, and nineteen of the successful third-class candidates. At the December examination the only successful second-class candidates in the whole county, five in number, were from the Institute. The *Expositor* justly remarks that "the influence which such a school exercises upon the physical, social and commercial well-being of the city cannot be too highly magnified," and we may add that the people cannot cherish too carefully or treat too liberally an institution of which they have so much reason to be proud. It should be added that at the last intermediate examination the Institute passed seventeen out of twenty-six candidates, an exceptionally favorable record.

The Galt Collegiate Institute is another of those institutions which may fairly be characterized as prosperous. It is one of the oldest and best known of the public schools in the Province, having been established so far back as 1852, and it is well and efficiently managed by its veteran principal and his colleagues. During the last three years the school has had an excellent University record. Apart from several medals won by its ex-pupils during that period at various Universities it won at matriculations no less than fifteen first-class honors, seven second-class honors and five scholarships, not to mention the honorable standing won at matriculation examinations before various learned bodies. Galt claims, besides, to have an interest in several distinguished pupils from other institutions, inasmuch as a great part of their training was obtained in the Institute there. The number of successful intermediate candidates in 1876 was fifteen, and in 1877 it ran up to twenty-six. Like other enterprising towns, Galt would do well to support its admirable Collegiate Institute even more liberally in the future than it has supported it in the past.

The Secretary of the Prescott Board of Education has been instructed to inquire of the parents or guardians of those children who have not attended school four months during the past year if they can give a satisfactory reason why they should not be fined for such a violation of the School Law.

Dr. McLellan during his recent visit to Picton addressed the High School Board, which had been convened for the purpose, in relation to the necessity for a new High School building for the town. A public meeting has since been held at which it was unanimously resolved, "That the High School Board be authorized to procure legal advice from the Minister of Education, or elsewhere, if they see fit, concerning the responsibility of the County Council in erecting a High School building, and in case the opinion is adverse, then this meeting authorizes the High School Board to ask the Town Council to raise the money necessary to erect a school building."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Teachers' Association of Prince Edward county: Resolved, that this Teachers' Convention hereby requests the Minister of Education that he will cause the subjects for First Class certificates to be arranged in three groups, as follows: I. Mathematics; II. English III. Natural Science, and that any candidate passing in any one or more of the above groups, shall receive his standing therefor, and not be required to pass again in the same at any future examination.

QUEBEC.

According to the report of the Hon. the Superintendent of Education, the sum of \$1,449,386 was raised for public instruction in the year 1876-77. This amount includes both the Government grant and the monthly contributions of different localities. The number of primary schools in operation for the same year was 4,306. These schools were attended by 191,784 children. The number of teachers was 4,966. The number of secondary places of education was 262, with 40,722 pupils and 1,826 teachers, or professors (as masters in secondary schools are styled here). The Universities of Laval, McGill and Bishop's College had 680 students with eighty-four professors. The Montreal School of