

French and English troops at the storming of Sebastopol, the Novelty \$5 sewing machine, and many other new and useful inventions were his. He is said to have been a man of great amiability and excellence of character, but, like too many other inventors, he reaped little pecuniary benefit from his inventions.

—**MONUMENT TO HUGH MILLER AT CROMARTY.**—"The monument is to be erected in Cromarty, his native town, on a site that is described as exceedingly beautiful.

—**RANKE THE HISTORIAN.**—The celebrated Prussian historian, Ranke, is now at Venice, engaged in collecting in the archives of the republic materials relating to the history of England during the last three centuries.

X. Departmental Notices.

1. THE NORMAL SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.

The next Session of the Normal School will commence on the 8th of January next, and close on the 22nd June. Students should not fail to be in attendance during the first week of the Session.

2. BLANK FORMS OF TRUSTEES' REPORTS.

During the early part of this month, all the blank forms of Trustees' half-yearly and yearly reports have been sent to the Local Superintendents for distribution. Those for the Grammar and Separate Schools have also been sent direct.

3. TRUSTEES' SCHOOL MANUALS.

In reply to numerous applications for copies of the Trustees' Manuals of the School Act, we have to state that, as the old edition has been exhausted, a new edition is now in press. Copies of them will be sent for distribution as soon as they are printed.

4. PRIZES IN SCHOOLS.

The Chief Superintendent will grant one hundred per cent. upon all sums not less than five dollars transmitted to him by Municipalities or Boards of School Trustees for the purchase of books or reward cards for distribution as prizes in Grammar and Common Schools.

5. PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Township and County Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—*Lord Elgin at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition, September, 1854.*

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law. Remittances must not be in less sums than five dollars.

6. SCHOOL MAPS AND APPARATUS.

The Chief Superintendent will add 100 per cent. to any sum or sums, not less than five dollars, transmitted to the Department from Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required by the Trustees. In all cases it will be necessary for any person, acting on behalf of the Trustees, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Trustees. A selection of articles to be sent can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

7. SCHOOL REGISTERS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Grammar and Common Schools Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages, and Townships by the County Clerks—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools will be sent direct to the head Masters.

8. PENSIONS—SPECIAL NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent without delay, if they have not already done so, their annual subscription of \$4, commencing with 1854. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "*that no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum.*"

LIST OF TEACHERS LICENSED by the County Board of Public Instruction for the COUNTY OF YORK, at the Semi-Annual Examinations, August, 1858, held at the following named places, viz:—

AT THE CITY OF TORONTO.

First Class: David Allison; Samuel McAllister; Miss Morrison; William Burns.

Second Class: Mary Henderson; Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell; Marry A. Ferris; Robert Hall; John Irving; Edmund Ogle; John Fraser; Thomas McDonald; William A. McCutcheon; Catherine Fraser; James Bain; Jane McGinness; John Muir.

Third Class: John H. Hunter; Sidney Smith; William Hewitt; John Scott; Alexander Best; Richard Fitzpatrick; John M. Smith; Margaret Boud; Isabella Martin; Gilbert Gilmour; John Bain, jr.

AT RICHMOND HILL.

First Class, A.: Daniel Wright. W. Middleton; Adam Scott; Adam McDonald.

Second Class, A.: Neil McKinnon; Duncan McKinnon; Angus McKinnon; Robert Flemming; Robert S. Steele; J. W. Wonch; Robert Hunt. John Morrow; P. Switzer; Sinclair J. Holden; Christopher Wield; Hugh Cooper; James Lynn; James Hawkins; Leander D. Taylor; Henry Wilson; T. C. Smith; Robert McCartney; William Irvine; James Rafferty; James Graham; James VanEvery; William Logan; James Bonar; Joseph Hugill; Robert McKeown, Senr.; R. D. McKeown; Wm. J. McKeown; Donald Beaton; Thomas Ansley; Alexander Robertson; John Bruce; John Watson; John O'Leary; Gilbert Barker; Robert Barker; James Miller; George McKinnell; George Brown; William Burgess; Thomas Milne; John Milne; James Hollingshead; Edmund Dwyer; James Lundy. *B.:* D. W. Ferrier; John Hand; Henry Hand; Henry Campbell; Thomas Irvine. *A.:* Elizabeth Rathorford; Mary Herrick; Cynthia Mapes; Dorothy Campbell; Elizabeth Lowrie.

Third Class: John Agar; Mary McGinness; Elizabeth McGinness.

AT NEWMARKET.

First Class: Albert Wilson; Gabriel Lount. *B.:* J. Collins.

Second Class: John Moran; Charles H. Kermott; Robert C. Stewart; Joseph Ross; Michael Joseph Moltby; W. W. Wells; William J. Barnes; Charles H. Lask; James Srigley; James Gourlie; George Moore; Francis Vernon; Nancy Bache; Martin J. Bogert; Joseph Hodgson; Francis Star; John G. Fincham; John Halliday; Joanna Styles; Daniel Gregory; William S. Meredith; Barton Earl; Caroline Lennon; James Kennedy.

N. B.—The next Semi-Annual Examination of Teachers and others will take place on the first Tuesday in February next, at the same places, of which due notice will be given.

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