

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, RIDGETOWN,

COUNTY TRUSTEES, 1889.

Rev. G. G. McRobbie, Ridgetown, (Chairman); John Ferguson, Thamesville, and
A. J. McDonald, Duart. Secretary, Chas. Grant, \$25.

STAFF 1887.

Principal, Geo. A. Chase; Mathematics, J. G. Little; Science, G. W. Morden;
Classics, H. L. Wilson; General, J. H. Smith. Highest salary \$1200.

"The registered attendance for the year 1888 (last published return) was 200; boys,
95; girls, 105; town, 71; county and other places, 129; examinations during year, 0;
teachers passed, 17; University, 2; School of Practical Science, 3; law, 1."

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Including towns, as also Separate Schools, the total school registration is in round figures 14,500, the income \$121,000 and the cost per pupil \$7.25 upon the total attendance—the cost of rural schools being \$8.69, Blenheim schools, \$5.03, Chatham town, \$8.80, and Chatham Separate School, \$9.10. There are, including 11 Separate School teachers, 200 in all. Of exclusively rural schools the teachers number 137—2 with 1st class; 52, 2nd class, and 84, 3rd class certificates (45 with Normal school training). Average male salary, \$412; female, \$310. The 25 teachers of Chatham have an average salary: males, \$650; females, \$350. In East Kent there are 64 schools and 86 teachers—4, 1st class; 39, 2nd class; and 43, 3rd class. Of the 86 teachers, 22 are in Ridgetown, Dresden, Bothwell, and Thamesville, the best salaries being \$500, \$600 and \$650. The last long school in the county disappeared in 1888.

COUNTY OF KENT—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The ordinary net income is about \$25,000, chiefly obtained by municipal assessment. The net disbursements are; Administration of Justice, \$5,000; payment of jurors \$2000 and witnesses \$800; Councillors' indemnity, \$2,400; salaries of officials, \$1,800; school superintendence and examinations, \$1,500; Collegiate Institutes \$3,000 and the balance in contingencies—roads, bridges and debenture debt interest. The debt is \$176,000 gross and \$24,000 net—the difference being assumed by Chatham and county municipalities. The assets consist of: Available—Court House, Registry office and County buildings; unavailable—the various bridges. The equalized county assessment is \$25,000,000; with Chatham, \$28,000,000. The assessed acreage is 589,253 acres, and the value of land:—Howard, Harwich and Raleigh, \$50; Orford, \$40; Tilbury East, \$30; Romney \$28; and Zone, \$27 per acre. The number of ratepayers, 12,845, excluding Chatham.

OFFICIALS—TOWN OF CHATHAM.

Town Clerk	Jno. Tissiman ..	\$1000	Police Magistrate.	M. Houston	\$1200
Treasurer	R. G. Fleming..	600	School Inspector..	Rev. A. McColl..	400
Collector	Wm. Rannie...	500	Secret'y Sch. Bd...	T. C. Macnabb..	200
Chief of Police...	Wm. Young...	700	Town Solicitor...	Matthew Wilson.	100
Chief Fire Dept...	Warren Lambert	250	Town Physician...	Dr. L. Backus..	125
Fire Engineer...	Jas. Degge....	650	Sanitary Inspector.	J. R. Guttridge..	450
Street Inspector...	J. K. Dickson..	400	Clerk B'd of Health	Jno. Tissiman...	80
Health Officer....	Dr. D. W. R. Hall	100	Cemetery Caretak'r	R. Sainsbury....	400

Assessors (2) receive about \$175 each; auditors, \$60. The market clerk and clerk of weigh-scales are paid by fees. Policemen (5) receive \$480 each. Three (3) firemen receive \$480 each, and 10 others (call firemen) from \$84 to \$100 each.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—CHATHAM.

The ordinary net income is in round figures \$80,000, obtained as follows:—Taxes \$70,000; fines \$1,200, market scales, rents &c., \$2,000; licenses \$6,000; sundries, \$1,000. Of this amount Police disburses \$3,500, Fire Department \$5,000, County (net) \$4,000, lighting \$3,000, charity \$2,000, Board of Health \$1,000, Schools—Common, Separate and Collegiate Institute \$18,000. The Board of Works consumes \$10,000, salaries \$3000; and, allowing a liberal sum for contingencies, &c., the balance is required to pay the interest of the funded or deferred debt, which amounts to \$270,000, contracted chiefly for bonuses to railways, county roads and the construction of substantial bridges, public buildings, schools and other permanent improvements. The assets consist of real estate \$51,000, schools, including Separate and High School \$100,000, and of securities held by the School Board \$40,000. The interest on the later contracted debt is only 4½%.