

with education, communicative tact, and personal magnetism. How long will functionaries rendering services so widely different in character receive the same "recompense of reward" from the Provincial and County Treasuries?

At the last semi-annual meetings of School Commissioners for both districts of the County, resolutions were unanimously adopted authorizing, with the consent of the Council of Public Instruction, the distribution of the Academy Grant among four or more superior schools in the County,—competing schools to have in addition to general efficiency two separate departments—the advanced with a teacher of Grade B., and the primary with one of Grade C. Facilities for the study of Latin and French are also to be provided.

With this emphatic movement to the front, it is to be hoped the night is rapidly passing away, and that the day is about to dawn upon us, when cultivated *thought* will be universally accepted as the true criterion of superiority.

With respect to work performed during the year, perhaps the results of the last teachers' annual examinations furnish the most reliable exponents. At Margaree Forks 79 applicants appeared and 35 were successful. At Port Hood 112 candidates applied and 59 succeeded in obtaining licenses of some grade. At this station two applicants for Grade B. made averages of 66 and 73, and two for Grade C. 72 and 80. When out of a possible 100, an average of 80 is made, a very minute acquaintance with the subjects of examination, is manifested.

Again it is my melancholy duty to record the demise of three prominent veterans of the educational staff.

Rev. Ronald McGillivray, P. P., for years a School Commissioner in the County of Antigonish, and in this County since the inception of the existing School Act—will long be remembered for his constant and fervid advocacy of temperance principles, for his zeal in elevating the intellectual and moral tone of the community, and for the honesty and wisdom of his counsels.

Rev. James Newton, for several years officiated in the two-fold capacity of preaching and teaching. His talents as a temperance lecturer were of a high order, and in English Reading his audiences always considered him unrivalled. He was born and educated in England and died at Margaree.

Henry McKeagney—educated in Quebec, taught school for several years in the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond, and latterly at Friar's Head in this County. His success as a teacher was only equalled by his genial disposition and unaffected urbanity.

To Commissioners, teachers, and other kind friends "given to hospitality," my most grateful acknowledgments are due.

In conclusion, allow me sincerely to thank you for the friendly assistance and co-operation which I have invariably received from you, not only during the past year, but during our entire official acquaintance.

Very respectfully yours,

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