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## Educational Intelligence.

### CANADA.

*Items.*—The Montreal press discusses with a good deal of warmth the question of the Legislative appropriations for the promotion of Education in Upper and Lower Canada.—The Chancellor of the University of Toronto, in his speech at the recent convocation, referred with much satisfaction to the great improvement which has of late years taken place in Common School Education in Upper Canada. The success (he remarked) of any University system must in a great measure depend upon the efficiency of our Elementary and Grammar Schools.—Rev. Mr. Livingstone, Principal of the Carradoc Academy, has had five medals manufactured in London, U. C., for distribution to successful competitors for prizes in his school.—The Middlesex School Teachers' Association, at a recent meeting in St. Thomas, decided to meet four times in 1851, as follows:—London twice, Delaware once, and St. Thomas once. The April meeting is fixed for London. Books were distributed among the Teachers present for circulation among Teachers living in remote parts of the county. Mr. Crane was appointed Vice-President, vice Mr. Hoyt.

*University of Toronto.*—At the first annual Convocation of the University of Toronto, the following gentlemen were admitted to the degrees annexed to their names:—H. Croft, Vice-Chancellor of the University, was admitted to the degree of D.C.L. J. H. Richardson, M.B., to the degree of M.D. Jesse B. Hurlburt, A.M., to the degree of B.C.L., J. D. Armour, G. M. Evans, A. J. Grant, G. A. Barber, J. L. Gage, Henry Hurlburt, and R. N. Light, to the degree of B. A.

*Premiums at Public Examinations.*—The Board of Trustees in Port Hope, anxious to invest the public School Examination in their town with as much interest as possible, and to encourage the zealous efforts of the teachers and their pupils, have recently passed the following resolutions, which we copy from the *Port Hope Watchman*:—*Resolved*, That the Common Schools be convened in one place, on the 23rd instant, and be examined in the presence of this Board, and that premiums—books to the amount of two pounds, ten shillings—be awarded to the most deserving pupils.—*Resolved*, That the Revd's. J. Cassie, J. Short, and G. Goodson, be respectfully requested to attend and award the premiums on that occasion.

In addition to the foregoing pleasing indications of the general interest which is beginning to be felt in the success of pupils and school examinations, we insert the following communication, which we have received from John Holmes, Esq., Townreeve of Goderich. Mr. Holmes remarks: "I take the liberty to intimate that our Township Council has recently expended £5 in the purchase of books, which were awarded to the most meritorious children of this township, at a public examination held lately. The teachers of six schools were in attendance, with the children under their charge. I am fully persuaded that annual examinations of this kind would cause greater exertion on the part of teachers, pupils, trustees, and parents, than any other particular mode yet introduced into our school system. In some of our school sections, steps have been already taken to procure maps and other apparatus, in anticipation of a similar examination next year. Another advantage to be derived from these examinations would be uniformity of school books. If the approved series were made the text books, there is no doubt but every teacher, trustee, and parent, would join in discarding all other books. I am of opinion that annual county examinations, where small premiums would be given, would be very beneficial. I think the County Council has the power to carry this into effect, if they think proper. A word of advice from you, if you approve of these remarks, would further this object."

### NOVA SCOTIA.

We perceive with the highest satisfaction that our Sister Province of Nova Scotia is putting forth active and noble efforts in the cause of popular education. From a local paper we learn that J. W. Dawson, Esq., the newly appointed Provincial Superintendent, has been lecturing with great success in several towns of the Province, preparatory to a general and systematic organization of a popular school system.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

*Items.*—The royal commission of inquiry into the revenue and expenditure of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge is prosecuting its inquiries. The authorities of Brasenose College have refused to give the Commission any information whatever. A writer in the *North British*