

the Trustees to the bad condition the outhouses at the Academy were in, and clears him of all responsibility in connection therewith.

NEWCASTLE, Feb. 21st, 1884.

GENTLEMEN: I think some measures should be adopted to rid the school grounds of a few boys who, when the weather is at all favorable, continue to hang around the boys' outhouse and destroy that property. When I came to the Academy the doors of this building were all unhinged and the locks broken, so that it has been quite beyond my power to protect it from destruction after school hours or even during school hours from the depredations of these boys who do not attend the school.

[Signed] W. J. FOWLER.

To Trustees of District, Newcastle.

With regard to this damage and destruction of school property, the Trustees seem to have taken no steps to discover or punish the perpetrators. At one time, it is true, Dr. A. C. Smith, being out of accord with the other Trustees, not acting in fact as a Trustee at all, but as a ratepayer, as he himself declares, addressed a letter to Mr. C. Marshall, Sec'y to the Trustees, of which the following is a copy:

NEWCASTLE, Jan'y 29th, 1884.

C. Marshall, Esq., Sec'y to School Trustees.

DEAR SIR: As a ratepayer, I investigated the matter of the destruction of school property at the Academy during the past Fall and Winter, and found that John Denaven and Edward Hoolihan were the ringleaders in the mischief. Witnesses—John Frazer, Wm. Frazer, Jas. Miller (Wm's son), John Ingram, Allen Wheeler.

Yours, etc.,

[Signed] A. C. SMITH.

It appears further that the matter was placed in the hands of Wm. Masson, Esq., J.P., but nothing ever came of it after all, as will be seen by the following letter from the latter gentleman:

June 16th, 1884.

A. C. SMITH, Esq., DEAR SIR: I wrote you some time ago in reference to the charges you have made against parties, for the destruction of School property, to the Sec'y of Trustees, which they handed me, and I asked you to give a more definite time when such destruction took place. Up to this time I have not heard a word from you, and without such being done and affidavit made I cannot proceed.

Yours, etc.,

[Signed] WILLIAM MASSON.

Here the matter seems to have dropped, and the Trustees never seem to have troubled themselves about the destruction