

Miss Mary McKay, daughter of Supervisor McKay, after five years' service as principal at Bedford school, has sent in her resignation. She has been presented with a handsome lady's dressing case, which was obtained through the efforts of her pupils.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

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