

the reference to the Committee should be more general, and would thus meet the hearty support of the Synod. He gave a number of interesting facts coming under his own notice in connection with services in the jail, in which he had been engaged, showing the importance of some steps being taken to rescue the vagrants of our large cities from the temptations to which they are exposed. Dr. Bovell's resolution was subsequently amended to read as follows:—"That this Synod do resolve itself into a Committee at an early day, to take into consideration the lamentable condition of the young vagrant population of the Province of Ontario, and more especially of our own Diocese, with a view to their moral and intellectual improvement." The resolution, as amended, was carried.

—CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SYNOD.—From the Report of the Synod proceedings we learn that the Report of Queen's College was read by Principal Snodgrass, showing that the income from permanent funds had been reduced £1,064 by the failure of the Commercial Bank. But serious as this was for the future prospects of the College it was not so serious as the threatened withdrawal of the annual grant from the government of Canada. The number of students last session was 184, of whom only 12 were theological. The learned Principal supported the claims of the College to continued aid from the legislature of Ontario in a calm but determined speech, calling upon the members of the Synod to give the subject their earnest attention, and to use all legitimate influence to bear upon public sentiment so as to obtain justice for the institution. Mr. Muir (Galt) said it would be unfortunate if the people of Canada were left no choice but to attend only one university in this country. He was of opinion that the present educational machinery of the Province will not be found too large for meeting the wants of a population that must constantly increase in numbers. Mr. Dennistoun stated that he hoped the ministers and elders of the church would be true to the traditions of the parent church, which has always set a high value upon education, and would endeavor to maintain the University of Queen's College in its present state of efficiency. The Rev. Duncan Andrews, M.A., and Rev. Joseph Evans, M.A., were re-elected governors of Morrin College. The Synod having called for the Annual Report of the Governors of Morrin College, the Principal made a verbal statement of the position and prospects of the institution which was received. Dr. Barclay, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a formula to be signed by the Professors in the Faculty of Queen's University other than those of Theology and Arts, reported that none other were in operation as teaching boards, and that it was not necessary, therefore, to prepare a formula. The Committee were discharged. The Rev. Wm. Bain, Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and the Rev. Archibald Walker, the retiring Trustees were re-elected Trustees of Queen's University according to the requirements of the charter.\*

## XI. Departmental Notices.

### CIRCULAR TO PUBLISHERS OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

#### AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS, ONTARIO SCHOOLS.

I desire to remove from the minds of all parties concerned an idea which I have understood has been conceived by some, I know not how, that after the expiration of the current year, it will be competent for any party at his pleasure to print the newly authorised series of Canadian National School Readers. I have legally secured the copy-right of these and other authorised school text-books, subject to the directions of the Council of Public Instruction; and no party is at liberty, (without incurring the heavy penalties imposed by Act of Parliament for the infringement of copy-rights of books), to print or publish any one of these books, unless permitted to do so by myself with the sanction of the Council of Public Instruction.

The object of this arrangement is not only to secure a uniform series of good text-books for the schools, but to protect the public against erroneously printed and badly got up editions of the authorised books. When the Irish National school-books were adopted as the authorised text-books for our public schools, I obtained from the National Board of Education in Dublin the permission and right of reprinting those Books in Upper Canada. I made arrangements at the same time for procuring and importing, on advantageous terms, the original editions from Dublin. The facilities thus provided were ex-

tended to all booksellers who desired to avail themselves of them; and the privilege of reprinting the books was extended to all printers and booksellers in Canada. The result was that the importations of the books soon ceased, and the schools were supplied by Canadian editions of them; but in the unrestricted rivalry of reprinting these books, erroneous and very badly got up editions soon became a nuisance in the schools, defeating, to some extent, the object of uniformity of school text-books, and imposing upon hundreds of parents, under the pretext of cheapness, text-books that were incorrect and that dropped to pieces after a few weeks use. Profiting by this experience, the Council of Public Instruction has resolved to protect the schools and public against a similar injury and loss in regard to the new and improved series of school-books. It is intended in future years to encourage, as far as possible, the exclusive manufacture of these books in Canada; but not to permit the printing of any edition of them without a proper guarantee to the public and the schools, that they will be facsimiles of the original editions and not inferior to them in mechanical execution, as far as Canadian skill and manufacturing facilities will permit.

E. RYERSON,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Toronto, June 24th, 1868.

### NORMAL SCHOOL FOR ONTARIO.

The next Session of the Normal School will commence on the 8th of August. The punctual attendance of intending applicants is indispensable.

### POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR

#### COMMON AND SEPARATE SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent, and be open to inspection, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns. A neglect to observe this regulation has repeatedly subjected this Department to an unnecessary charge on each package, including the Post-office fine of nearly *fifty per cent.* for non-payment.

### NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

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#### 14. PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and Teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

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