

"That second-class candidates should not be allowed options between the group Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Book-keeping and any other subjects." Carried.

Mr. Maxwell moved, seconded by Mr. Knight,

"That the minimum qualifications required for second class certificates shall be:—For grade B, 50 per cent. on each group, and 25 per cent. on each subject; and for grade A, 60 per cent. on each group, and 35 per cent. on each subject." Carried.

Mr. Dearness moved, seconded by Mr. McIntosh,

"That in addition to the different test percentages proposed to be required for second-class and intermediate certificates, candidates for the former class of certificates be submitted to *viva voce* examination in reading, and receive marks for writing and neatness; also that reading be invariably required for the non-professional third class certificate." Carried.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Chairman, Wm. McIntosh; Secretary, D. J. McKinnon; Executive Committee—Messrs. Scarlett, Smith, Dearness, Maxwell, and McQueen.

A discussion took place on the provisions of the school law relating to union school sections, and a resolution, moved by Mr. Frothingham, was passed requesting the Secretary to communicate with the Minister of Education, asking him to issue a circular giving full explanations respecting the equalization of assessments in union school sections in giving effect to section 18 of the Bill of 1879 under section 187 of the Consolidated School Law.

A committee was appointed to consider the subject of second-class certificates.

Mr. Dearness moved, "That whereas since pedagogy, school law, reading, and other important subjects are not included in the literary second-class examination; therefore it is exceedingly desirable in the interests of education that teachers holding second-class non-professional certificates, who have taught three years before 1877, be required at least to pass the professional examination before being granted Provincial second-class certificates." Carried.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Wm. McIntosh: "That the Minister of Education be respectfully requested to issue instructions clearly defining the relations and duties of the Public School Inspectors in connection with the County Model Schools; and that it is the opinion of this Section that persons practically acquainted with public school work should be appointed as general inspectors of Model Schools."

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. G. W. Fields, of Seaforth, has been appointed Principal of the Elora High School.

Rev. Dr. Jacques has been re appointed President of Albert University. Dr. Badgley will remain in the College as Professor of Metaphysics, Ethics and Hebrew.

John E. Hodgson, B.A., Head Master of the St. Mary's High School, has been appointed to a similar position in Brantford, at a salary of \$1,750.

Hon. Adam Crooks has returned from his trip to England.

The following officers have been elected by the Eastern Ontario Education Society: T. M. Slack, B.A., I.P.S., Lanark, President; A. Smirle, 1st Vice-President; W. Summerby, 2nd do.; D. D. Keenan, 3rd do.; Mr. Mitchell, B.A., Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Jamieson, Recording Secretary; Mr. Orr, Treasurer; Directors, Messrs. McGregor, Riddle, Dawson, Steele and Cochrane.

#### Notes and News.

##### ONTARIO.

Collingwood Collegiate Institute building has to be enlarged.

Strathroy High School Board desired to enlarge their school. By the aid of "the 29th clause" the Council prevented their doing so.

St. Mary's High School has become a Collegiate Institute.

Head Master Checkley, of London Collegiate Institute, suggested that a tablet be erected in a prominent position in the In-

stitute, on which the names of pupils winning honors should be inscribed. He considered that this would be an incentive to the others.

The statistics of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes show that the highest expenditure for teachers' salaries was in Galt, with \$7,330; the lowest was in Belleville, with \$2,250.

Some County Councils recommend that third class candidates be charged a fee for attendance at the County Model Schools.

The pupils of Chatham High School have formed a Choral Union. The High School Board in Chatham propose to devote one hour per month of the school time for the purpose of having lectures delivered to the students and their friends by leading citizens of the town. This may awaken interest in school matters.

A third class candidate at the last examination wrote, "Transubstantiation was a duty laid on tea coming from foreign countries to Canada on account of the quantities that was transported." He has been studying political economy.

The first term in the County Model Schools will begin on Friday, August 29th, and end on Saturday, October 25th. The closing examination will begin on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, or Friday, the 24th, at the option of the Board of Examiners. The second term of the Model School will begin on Monday, Oct. 27th, and end on Saturday, December 20th. The closing examination will occupy the last two or three days of the term.

The Public School Inspector for the County of Dundas reports that he had during 1878 under his supervision 73 rural schools and 14 departments of town schools. The school population of the county was 5,371; the average attendance for the first half of the year was 2,754, and for the last 2,890. There are only one first-class and seven second-class teachers in the county. The highest salary paid a male teacher was \$600 and the lowest \$180, the corresponding limits for the salaries of female teachers being \$310 and \$75. The Inspector, in his report, speaks favorably of the benefit to the cause of education from the County Model School, and suggests the imposition of a two-dollar fee in order to prevent all but *bona fide* candidates from coming up to the third class examinations.

The calendars of Victoria University and Albert College have been received, and contain very complete announcements relative to examinations, degrees, scholarships, medals, prizes, &c. Copies may be obtained by addressing the Registrars; Professor John Wilson, Cobourg, and Rev. E. I. Badgley, Belleville.

After a trial of five years, the teachers of the County of Durham are still in favor of County Competitive Examinations. The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Association at Port Hope: Moved by Mr. T. J. Calbery, seconded by Mr. J. Crawford, "That whereas competitive examinations in the County of Durham have been attended with such beneficial results in awakening interest in Public School work, in the opinion of this Convention it is desirable that they should be continued in future, and that a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. J. Tilley, H. Barber, and W. Stott, take the subject into consideration and report at the October session of this Association, and that the Inspector be kindly requested to solicit the Counties Council for such aid as they may see fit to grant for the above purpose."

##### QUEBEC.

It was stated in the last issue of the JOURNAL that the educational interests of this Province were centred on the Legislature in session in Quebec, and they have continued to do so till nearly the present time. The Parliament has since been prorogued.

It was anticipated that there would be great changes in the administration of the Department of Public Instruction, all with a view to economy, and the removal of abuses, if not all tending as some think to the promotion of education, or the greater efficiency of our educational system. Important changes have been made, and it is to be hoped that some of them at least will be both economical and beneficial.

A searching enquiry into everything connected with the Department of Public Instruction, and the whole working of the school system of the Province, if not revealing in every case all that could be desired, will disclose merits as well as defects, and good results may be anticipated. Every lover of his country will at least agree with the remark of the able Provincial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Mercier, that "his theory had been that all those who could not read or write should, after a certain period, be deprived of the right to vote."

In consequence of the rumour of the changes contemplated in