

storms, 7th, 8th, 10th, 23rd, 26th. Fog, 14th. Snow, 2nd, 8th, 10th, 11th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st. Rain, 7th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 23th, 29th. Difference of mean monthly temperature from average of two years, -2°. Sparrows seen, 15th.  
 HAMILTON.—Hawk seen, 14th. Garden phlox peeping out of ground. Wind storms, 24th, 25th. Fog, 28th. Snow, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th, 31st. Rain, 7th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 29th.  
 SIMCOE.—Wind storms, 8th, 15th, 24th. Snow, 2nd, 26th (great storm). Rain, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 14th—16th, 20th, 28th—31st. A rainy month, cold and disagreeable. Epizootic prevailed to an alarming extent.  
 WINDSOR.—Wind storms, 8th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th. Snow, 1st, 7th, 9th, 14th, 21st, 24th—26th, 31st. Rain, 15th, 18th, 29th, 30th.

**IX. Departmental Notices.**

**INTER-COMMUNICATIONS IN THE "JOURNAL."**

As already intimated, a department is always reserved in the *Journal of Education* for letters and inter-communications between Inspectors, School Trustees and Teachers, on any subject of general interest relating to education in the Province. As no personal or party discussions have, ever since the establishment of the *Journal*, appeared in its columns, no letter or communication partaking of either character can be admitted to its pages; but, within this salutary restriction, the utmost freedom is allowed. Long letters are not desirable; but terse and pointed communications of moderate length on school management, discipline, progress, teaching, or other subjects of general interest are always acceptable, and may be made highly useful in promoting the great objects for which this *Journal* was established.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS AND REQUISITES.**

Application having been frequently made to the Department for the supply from its Depository of Sunday School Library and Prize Books, Maps and other requisites, it is deemed advisable to insert the following information on the subject.

1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Ontario. Books, Maps, and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.
2. The admirable books published in England by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i. e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents Canadian currency, and so on in proportion.) These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday Schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodists, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the list would be too extensive to publish separately.
3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c., not desired which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.

**NO PENSIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.**

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Public Schools, or Teachers of the English branches in High Schools, who are legally qualified Public School Teachers in Ontario, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent or Inspector, if they have not already done so, their subscrip-

tions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year commencing with 1854, and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "That no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of four dollars per annum." No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, in accordance to the preceding regulations of the Council of Public Instruction; nor can one be granted for any year of teaching for which the subscription has not been paid.

**EXAMINATIONS PAPERS IN SETS.**

The entire set of Examination Papers for First, Second, and Third Class Teachers, neatly stitched, can be sent free of postage on receipt of sixty cents. Those used in the Normal School during the last and previous Sessions, or those used at the County Examination for Second and Third Class Teachers, can also be sent.

**SHEET LESSONS ON GENERAL GEOGRAPHY,**

In 13 sheets, 50 cents; or by post, postage paid, 57 cents; mounted on cardboard and varnished, per set, \$3 50.

**PRINTED SHEETS FOR SCHOOLS.**

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| 1. The New Programme .....                | } Large Sheets. | } The ten sheets sent free of postage for 50 cents. |
| 2. The New Limit Table .....              |                 |   |
| 3. A Blank Time Table .....               |                 |   |
| 4. Duties of Pupils .....                 |                 |   |
| 5. The Ten Commandments.....              |                 |   |
| 6. Library Regulations .....              | } Small Sheets. |   |
| 7. List of authorized Text Books .....    |                 |   |
| 8. Merit Cards and their uses .....       |                 |   |
| 9. Hints on constructing Time Tables..... |                 |   |
| 10. Departmental Notices .....            |                 |   |

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**CANADIAN SCHOOL MAPS AND APPARATUS.**

Sets of the two new series of maps of Canadian manufacture are now ready, and can be had, by school authorities, at the Education Depository, Toronto, either singly, in wall cases, or on rotary stands, embracing Maps of the World; Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, of two sizes; the British Isles, Canada and Palestine, and British North America.  
 Terrestrial and Celestial Globes, of Canadian manufacture, of the following sizes: three (hemisphere), six, twelve, and eighteen inches in diameter, and on various kinds of frames.

**NEW SCHOOL REGISTERS.**

In reply to numerous applications for Public School Registers, &c., we desire to say that the new edition (including the modifications in the courses of study required by the new School Act) has been sent out to the County Clerks for distribution through the Inspectors. No copies will be sent out direct to individual schools from the Education Department. Trustees will, therefore, apply to the Inspector for them.