

cloud at 6.22, extended along horizon from SW to NE, the lower part being at a height of 25° and intensely black; at 6.30 sudden darkness and rain, with strong wind from W, continued till 7.12 p.m. with much thunder and lightning; at 7.30, splendid rainbow, double at southern end, with frequent forked lightning to southward.

**SIMCOE.**—On 1st, frost. 5th, fog; thunder, lightning and heavy rain at night. 8th, lightning alone. 12th, lightning during evening; thunder storm with vivid lightning and heavy rain began about 11 p.m. for two hours. 15th, thunder, lightning and shower began at 9 p.m. 21st, thunder, lightning and rain. 25th, heavy storm of thunder, lightning and rain for about two hours, preceded by oppressive heat. 27th, thunder, lightning and rain. 29th, thunder, lightning and very heavy rain for three hours.

**STRATFORD.**—On 1st, frost. 5th, lightning and thunder with rain. 8th, lightning. 12th and 13th lightning. 15th, thunder, lightning, hail and rain from 8.30 to 9.10 p.m. 16th, thunder, lightning and rain. 17th, rain from 4.45 p.m.; high SE wind during night. 22nd, indistinct lunar halo at 9.30 p.m. 25th, thunder and lightning with few drops of rain at 1.35—8.20 p.m. 26th, at 7.45 a.m., thunder; at 4.20 p.m., thunder; at 9 p.m. lightning at horizon. 29th, lightning at south to west horizon. Average rain in June for four preceding years, was 2.6065 inches; rain in June 1866, 2.7162 inches; excess 1.1097 inches.

**WINDSOR.**—On 12th, 13th, 15th and 30th, lightning alone. 21st, lightning, thunder and rain. 23rd, severest thunder storm of the month, lightning struck a building within two miles of station. 25th, thunder storm came up suddenly from SW with slight rain and ended in heavy gale of wind, velocity 8, lasting 12.30—1 p.m. 26th, high wind, velocity 7 at 11.50 p.m. 27th, strange appearance of clouds in NW at 7 p.m., and afterwards, changing from light blue to orange; high cirri cumuli moving from SW, lower strati rapidly from NE. 30th, thunder cloud threatened to storm at 6.50 p.m., a few drops of rain fell; storm cloud passed from SW to NE; clouds of NE beautiful orange tint; double rainbow observed in NE at 7.30 p.m.

## X. Educational Intelligence.

— **EXAMINATION OF NEWBORO' VILLAGE SCHOOL.**—On Friday, the 3rd, inst., the Common Schools throughout this Province closed for the summer vacation. At Newboro', this day was signalized by a public examination of the village school, followed by a distribution of prizes among the more deserving pupils. The Local Superintendents for North and South Crosley were both present, and conducted the examination. More than ordinary attention had been drawn to the school during the half-year just preceding, in consequence of the reputation which the teacher, Mr. Arthur Brown, enjoyed for thoroughness and devotedness to his work; and partly on this account, and partly because it was known that an award of prizes would be made at the close of the examination great numbers of the citizens were present throughout the entire day. After a thorough and rigorous inspection of the classes, the examiners expressed their decided belief that the state of the school amply justified the reputation which Mr. Brown had earned. The distribution of prizes was made on the basis of a system of credit marks, embracing a record of the pupils' standing in classes for the half-year ending June 30th. In one however—an Algebra Class—the prizes were given to those of its members who stood most successfully the test of examination. Of the four thus awarded, the best was given to Miss Hattie Hopkins, a young lady who received five prizes in all. There were also two prizes given for good conduct. These the pupils were themselves permitted to award by ballot, and they were assigned by an almost unanimous vote to Miss Hattie Kilborn and Miss Ellie Hopkins. The total value of the prizes distributed amounted to about \$60; and they were principally in books. The fact ought not to be overlooked that these prizes were procured by the exertions of the teacher himself, out of the proceeds of an Exhibition given by the school on the Queen's Birthday. So highly is Mr. Brown held in the esteem and affection of his pupils, that they were unwilling to allow such an occasion to pass by without giving him some tangible proof of their regard. Accordingly, after the prizes were all distributed, two young ladies came forward and presented their teacher with a handsome copy of Worcester's Dictionary, together with a nicely-worded address expressive, on the part of the pupils, of their appreciation of his efforts for their good. Towards the purchase of this book, all or nearly all the pupils had contributed; and, what is better still, it was done at the suggestion of one of their own number, and with entire hearty good-will. After a few remarks by Mr. Brown, expressing the pleasure he felt at learning what a place he had in the affection of his pupils, and also at the unexpectedness and value of the gift presented to him, Benj. Tett, Esq., late M.P.P. for South Leeds, was called upon for a speech. Mr. Tett spoke briefly on the importance of children making the most of the educational

advantages afforded them, and dwelt particularly on the value to every one of being able to read well and especially of possessing a clear and distinct articulation. He illustrated his remarks by reciting one of Cowper's Poems: "Pairing Time Anticipated;" and concluded by proposing three hearty cheers for Mr. Brown—a proposal which was responded to with tremendous and deafening effect. School was then dismissed for the holidays.—*Communicated.*

## XI. Departmental Notices.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, MAPS, APPARATUS, AND SCHOOL PRIZE BOOKS.

The Chief Superintendent will add *one hundred per cent.*, to any sum or sums, *not less than five dollars*, transmitted to the Department by Municipal and School Corporations, on behalf of Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Public Library Books, Prize Books, Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams, to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required. In all cases it will be necessary for any person acting on behalf of the Municipal or Trustee Corporation, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books, &c., to be sent, can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

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