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REPORT TO THE CITIZENS

OF THE

Board of Common School Trustees

OF THE

CITY OF KINGSTON,

TO 31st MARCH, 1867.

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REPORT.

It is very gratifying to the Board to be able to report to the citizens that all the schools under their charge are in efficient working order and well attended. There were on the rolls of the schools of all ages during the year 2,435 pupils. The number of boys was 1,267, and of girls 1,168. The average attendance during the year was 1,199. Great progress was made in all the classes, and the teachers discharged their onerous duties in such a way as to merit their full share of public approbation. Next year figures will be given to show the progress as compared with previous years.

The Board has had during the year thirty teachers in all, although its regular staff is only twenty-five. The additions were owing to the changes made during the year. The highest salary paid a male teacher was \$600; the lowest, \$200. The highest salary paid a female teacher was at the rate of \$360; the lowest, \$80. The average for male teachers was \$370 per annum; for females, \$187.

As regards the matter of expense, it will be found that the Board has acquitted itself to the best of its ability. During the last ten years real property has been acquired to the value of \$22,744.59, and as a consequence no city in Canada can show such excellent buildings and so many of the necessary adjuncts in carrying out common school education. The rooms are airy and well ventilated, and the greatest care is taken at all times to keep them neat and tidy. Parents visiting the schools must go away content, knowing that the health of their children, both physical and moral, is carefully looked after. No man can grudge a good schoolhouse. Place a teacher in a dirty dull room, and before a month he will be as dirty and dull as the room. But put him in a decent place, and his energies are spurred up to make everything as bright as the appearance of his room would lead you to expect.

In providing such rooms, and in continuing to provide them, the Board has simply done its duty. The actual expenditure last year for common school purposes was \$7,928.09. In endeavoring to arrive at the cost per pupil which the city paid, another item must be added, viz., the interest on real estate investments. This at six per cent is \$1,450.65, making a total of \$9,378.74. This is the whole sum which can be charged against the Common Schools for educational purposes. Of course the payment of debentures cannot be charged, as well as the interest on the real estate. Now, there were, as seen above, on the rolls of the schools 2,435 pupils. The cost per pupil was then \$3.85, and when we take the average attendance of 1,199 the cost is \$7.82. The Report of the Superintendent of the city schools of Toronto shows that the average cost per pupil is \$4.87, showing a balance of \$1.02 in favor of Kingston; and the cost as per average attendance is \$11.17, showing a balance in favor of Kingston of \$3.35.

When the grumblers at the expenditure of the Board attempt to get a cry up against the system of Common School education as too expensive, it will be well for them to bear those facts in mind, and give the authorities here credit for obtaining the education of the masses at a lower figure than any other city in Canada.

But if we deduct from the expenditure the amount charged as interest on permanent investments, there remains the sum of \$7,928.09. The average cost per pupil is then \$3.25, and the cost as per average attendance is \$6.61. In Toronto, on the same conditions the cost is \$3.66 and \$8.94.

The Library is now nearly refitted, and all damage sustained by the fire in the City Buildings is repaired. The Board, however, intends to keep adding to the stock, until a full assortment of books, both instructive and entertaining, shall be at the disposal of the citizens.

(Signed) WM. MASSIE, *Chairman*.

ROBERT CARROLL,
G. W. FENWICK,
SAMUEL CHOWN,
WM. McROSSIE,
GEO. M. WILKINSON,
THOS. M. FENWICK, M.D.

Committee
on
Citizens' Report.

WORKING EXPENSES OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS FOR 1866.

MALE TEACHERS' SALARIES .....	.....	\$2,590 00	
FEMALE TEACHERS' SALARIES .....	.....	3,407 07	
INSURANCE.—			
Johnson Street School House .....	.....	\$35 00	
" " Furniture.....	.....	11 50	
Wellington Street School Furniture...	.....	22 50	
" " Building...	.....	21 25	
Queen Street School Building .....	.....	50 00	
" " Furniture .....	.....	19 31	
Gordon Street School Building and Furniture...	.....	10 95	
			161 51
RENTS.—			
Rent paid for Princess Street School .....	.....	\$100 00	100 00
FUEL.—			
Paid for wood for City Schools.....	.....	\$360 00	
Allowance for Orphan's Home .....	.....	17 00	
			377 00.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING..	.....	\$50 00	50 00
STATIONERY			
Roll Books, &c., for Schools .....	.....	\$ 7 30	
		14 05	
			21 35
REPAIRS.—			
Williamsville School, J. Tucker.....	.....	\$ 4 30	
" " Smallridge.....	.....	5 75	
Gordon Street School, Irving & Son .....	.....	64 38	
Johnson " " .....	.....	18 58	
Wellington " " .....	.....	40 32	
Gordon Street, survey by Mr. Nash..	.....	4 00	
J. Walker's glazing acct. ....	.....	1 80	
Wm. Allen, stove fittings .....	.....	5 42	
R. M. Horsey, stove fittings, &c.....	.....	32 45	
Samuel Chown, stove fittings, &c. for Charlesville and			
Gordon Street Schools .....	.....	14 16	
Thomas McMahon, glazing Johnson Street School .....	.....	6 25	
J. Burgess, repairs, &c., Charlesville School.....	.....	5 90	
Wm. Robinson, glazing Queen Street School....	.....	5 55	
			208 86.
Carried forward.....		\$6,915 79	

Brought forward \$6,915 79

CONTINGENCIES.—

Journal of Education.....	\$14 00
Paid City Council for disinfectants.....	3 40
" Walker for painting, &c., Wellington Street School....	24 10
" Fraser & George's acct.	2 60
" Post Office acct.	6 85
" Mr. Hobart for disinfectants.....	18 25
" Chown & Cunningham, stove fittings.....	6 86
" Petty disbursements	30 00
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OFFICERS' SALARIES.—

The late Ewen McEwen, Esq., Local Superintendent, 3 months, \$	50 00
Samuel Woods, Esq., Local Superintendent, 6 months	100 00
Wm. Armstrong, as Secretary of the Board.....	260 00
Messenger, Mr. Lanigan.....	40 00
Caretaker Johnson Street School....	100 00
" Queen Street	100 00
" Wellington Street "	80 00
" Williamsville	22 00
" Princess Street "	40 00
" Charlesville	18 00
" Gordon Street	50 00
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	860 00

Extra washing and cleaning Schools	\$14 33
" expenses for Night School.....	31 91
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Assets and Liabilities of the Board of Common School Trustees of the City of Kingston, 31st Dec., 1866.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
JOHNSON STREET SCHOOL.—		By Debiture due November, 1867.....	
Paid for building site, building and furniture,		" Balance due on Gordon Street School site.....	\$1,000 00
per Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865.....	\$8,895 00	" Balance due City Council.....	400 00
Improvements, &c., made, 1866.....	62 76		15 07
			\$9,958 76
WELLINGTON STREET SCHOOL.—			
Paid for site, buildings and furniture, per			
Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865.....	\$4,311 00		
Improvements, &c., made, 1866.....	33 35		
			4,344 35
QUEEN STREET SCHOOL.—			
Paid for site, buildings and furniture, per			
Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865.....	\$4,873 00		
Improvements, &c., made, 1866.....	73 30		
			4,946 30
GORDON STREET SCHOOL.—			
Paid for site, building and furniture, per			
Report, Dec. 31st, 1866.....	\$2,175 00		
Additions to furniture, maps, school apparatus,			
and improvements in 1866.....	150 00		
			2,325 00
CHARLESVILLE SCHOOL.—			
Return, 1865, \$750;			
1866, \$20.....	\$750;		
WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL.—			
Return, 1865, \$800;			
1866, \$15.25.....	\$800;		
PRINCESS STREET SCHOOL.—			
Furniture, &c., 1866,			
COMMON SCHOOL LIBRARY.—			
Books, fixtures, furniture, &c., say.....	1,800 00		
			\$24,159 66
		By balance, being net amount of assets, 31st Dec., 1866.....	
		22,744 59	
		\$24,159 66	