



The Woodville Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

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REFERRING to the change of gauge on the T. & N. Railway, the Uxbridge Journal says:—"The first shipment of rails for laying a third rail on the Toronto and Nipissing Railway is now on the way to this country, and the preliminary work of removing the present gauge to one side and changing the station platforms has commenced. In all cases where practicable the station buildings will have to be moved further back from the present track. The bridges have been widened to suit the change of gauge. The two outside rails, where the third rail is laid, will be of steel. The cost of the work will be \$700,000. The report that the road has been disposed of to the Grand Trunk Co., lacks confirmation.

THE American people, since the adoption of the Constitution, have chosen eighteen different persons to the Presidency, of whom James A. Garfield is the last. The attempt at assassination has been made upon the lives of three of these persons. The first attempt was on the life of President Jackson, on the 30th of January, 1835, and if the pistols had not missed fire he would have been shot and probably killed on the spot. A little more than sixteen years ago, on the 14th of April, 1865 the lamented Lincoln fell a victim to the assassin's bullet and died the next day. On Saturday, July 2nd, 1881, President Garfield was shot, with the intent to kill him. The assassinations, accomplished or attempted, are at the rate of one in every six persons chosen to the Presidency by the people.

APPROPOS to the attempt on the life of the President, the New York Sun unearths a letter by Lord Macaulay to Henry S. Randall, of New York, written twenty-four years ago. "Your Constitution," said Macaulay, "is all sail and no anchor. Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reins of government with a strong hand, or your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century, as the Roman empire was in the fifth, with this difference—that the Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own country by your own institutions." How true was this prophecy is shown by recent events, but it is to be hoped the practical good sense of the American people will find means of averting the catastrophe predicted by the historian.

REPORT OF WOODVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The following report is taken from examinations held at the close of the term ending 30th June:—

SENIOR DIVISION.

FOURTH CLASS.—Reading—Value 40.—Lillie Gilchrist 35, Dan Slattery 32, Don. McLeod 30, Jno. Beaton 28, Donald Campbell 25, Maggie Barry 23.

Dictation, 80.—J. Beaton 76, Lillie Gilchrist 70, Maggie Berrie 62, Don. Campbell 60, J. F. Carmichael 58, D. Slattery 56.

Writing, 50.—D. McLeod 45, Jno. Beaton 42, D. Campbell 40, D. Slattery 39, Bella Smith and Lillie Gilchrist 38, Maggie Berrie 36.

Composition, 75.—D. McLeod 68, J. Beaton 64, D. Campbell 52, Lillie Gilchrist 45, J. F. Carmichael 38, Dan Slattery 35.

English Literature, 75.—D. McLeod 60, J. F. Carmichael 55, J. Beaton 50, D. Campbell 47, L. Gilchrist 41, A. B. Campbell 35.

Grammar, 100.—D. Campbell 72, J. Beaton 68, D. McLeod 60, L. Gilchrist 54, D. Slattery 50.

Geography, 100.—J. F. Carmichael 87, D. McLeod 84, D. Slattery 74, J. Beaton 70, D. Campbell 67, Maggie Berrie 60.

British History, 100.—D. McLeod 88, D. Campbell 77, J. Beaton 65, D. Slattery 60, J. F. Carmichael 55, L. Gilchrist 40.

Canadian History, 75.—D. McLeod 65, D. Slattery 50, D. Campbell 44, J. F. Carmichael 40, J. Beaton 37, D. Slattery 35.

Arithmetic, 100.—D. McLeod 84, D.

Campbell 60, J. Beaton 55, J. F. Carmichael 52, L. Gilchrist 48, Bella Smith 40.

Algebra, 75.—D. McLeod 62, J. Beaton 58, D. Campbell 43, L. Gilchrist 35, J. F. Carmichael 30.

Euclic, 75.—D. McLeod 60, J. Beaton 55, D. Campbell 48, J. F. Carmichael 45, L. Gilchrist 40.

THIRD CLASS, SENIOR.—Reading, value 40.—Jno. Gilchrist 30, Winnie Ross 28, Katie McLeod 25, Fannie Armstrong and Florence Lethbridge 22, N. McLeod and Wm. Bick 20.

Dictation, 80.—Winnie Ross 78, J. Gilchrist 76, Florence Lethbridge 74, Wm. Bick 70, N. McLeod 68, F. Armstrong and Kate Smith 65.

Writing, 40.—Wm. Bick 37, Winnie Ross 35, K. McLeod 32, N. McLeod 30, F. Lethbridge 28, K. Smith 25.

Composition, 50.—W. Ross 42, K. McLeod 38, J. Gilchrist 32, Wm. Bick 30, F. Armstrong 25.

Grammar, 100.—W. Ross 76, K. McLeod 70, F. Armstrong 65, N. McLeod 55, J. Gilchrist 50, R. Campbell 48.

Geography, 75.—J. Gilchrist 60, K. McLeod 53, W. Ross 50, D. Carmichael 40, N. McLeod 38, W. Bick 34.

History, 72.—N. McLeod 42, W. Ross 38, K. McLeod 36, Wm. Bick 32, R. Campbell 30.

Arithmetic, 100.—J. Gilchrist 68, F. Armstrong 60, K. McLeod 55, Rod. Campbell 50, W. Ross 45, Wm. Bick 40.

THIRD CLASS, JUNIOR.—Reading, 30.—M. A. Ling 28, M. A. Campbell 26, M. E. Campbell 25, Lizzie Edwards, and Mina Stoddart 24, Tena Carmichael 23, Carrie Lethbridge 20.

Dictation, 72.—M. A. Ling and Mina Stoddart 64, Jno. Berrie 62, Lizzie Edwards 58, Tena Carmichael 57, A. McLean 52.

Writing, 40.—J. McSweyn 35, M. A. Ling 30, L. Edwards and M. Parker 28, Tena Carmichael 25, Mary Parson 23, J. Berrie 22.

Composition, 50.—M. A. Ling 42, M. E. Campbell 35, Lizzie Edwards 32, Mina Stoddart 30, Tena Carmichael 28, J. McLory 25.

Grammar, 75.—Mina Stoddart 60, L. Edwards 55, M. E. Campbell 52, M. A. Ling 50, Tena Carmichael 40, H. A. Carmichael, 38.

Geography, 80.—Everett Barnes 66, J. McSweyn 50, Mina Stoddart 46, M. E. Campbell 40, H. A. Carmichael 38, David Sidey, Carrie Lethbridge and T. Carmichael 35.

Arithmetic, 90.—M. A. Ling 57, M. Stoddart 42, E. Barnes and H. A. Carmichael 40, L. Edwards 39, D. Sidey and M. E. Campbell 37, J. McSweyn 35.—A report of the Junior Division will appear next week.

KIRKFIELD.

A REPUTATION.

To the Editor of THE WOODVILLE ADVOCATE:

SIR,—I wish to correct some mendacious statements your Kirkfield correspondent has made regarding the School Exhibitions that were given in the Kirkfield school house on the 6th and 7th inst. After admitting that I did put the pupils through a course of questioning, he says: "But this we presume was only a part of the entertainment and not intended to show the children's knowledge of the subjects gone over." Now in answer to this I say that I took what I thought was a very effective way of showing the visitors what progress had been made by the pupils in their several studies. Your correspondent cannot deny that I put the arithmetic class through a very long examination. As to the questions I gave them many were from a paper that for the sake of convenience I had prepared on the morning of the examination; but there were also worked on the blackboard as tests and illustrations, several unprepared questions. I defy your correspondent to say that among the arithmetical questions I gave there were any, excepting one, identical with questions I had given before. Your correspondent was not present in the afternoon. Had he been there present he would have had an opportunity to put questions to the pupils, but not while I, myself was examining; I think that one examiner is quite enough for a class at one time. Your correspondent says that Miss Angus left her school entirely to the mercy of the visitors. I think it would be nearer the truth to say that she handed the classes over to Mr. Cuthbertson. Now, Mr. Cuthbertson, quite regardless of remonstrances made by Miss Angus, examined the classes in lessons they had never reached. The result was a most ridiculous one. The junior second, for instance, could not read a single sentence of the lesson in which Mr. Cuthbertson persevered in examining them. He asked the pupils quite a number of questions, all of which he had to answer himself. Such was the farce that your correspondent calls a most searching examination. Mr. Cuthbertson succeeded in two things—he made some of the pupils ery with vexation, and showed the parents that were present how smart he was at exposing their children's ignorance. Now if Mr. Cuthbertson had a right to do this, I must confess that I know nothing of the object of school examinations. I always thought the object of school examinations was to find out what pupils know, and not what they are ignorant of. Your correspondent states that J. McRae assisted Mr. Cuthbertson in the examination; this is another falsehood. It is not likely I would assist in what I was so disgusted with. If your correspondent thinks fit to write anything more about this matter, let him be manly enough to sign his name.

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