#### West Vietoria Teachers' Association.

The semi-annual meeting of the teachers of West Victoria met in the school house at Coboconk on Friday October 6th, 1887.

The Convention was opened in the usual form by the president, Mr. Reazin. Inspector Knight, of East Victoria was present in behalf of the teachers of Somerville and gave valuable assistance throughout.

In the absence of Mr. Powles, Mr. Reazin took the subject "Mental Arithmetic." He gave some excellent hints to the teachers, how they should present this subject to their classes. An interesting discussion followed, after which Mr. Morris gave a short lecture on "Writing." He gave some points that are essential to success in teaching writing.

Mr. Birchard read a well arranged paper on "Essay Writing" in which he gave many good ideas of interest to teachers. A lively discussion followed.

Mr. Knight introduced the discussion on the "New Public School Text Books" and was followed by Mr. Reazin and others, Mr. Knight took the subject "Local Geography." He illustrated his lecture by a map of the township of Somerville, on which he marked the concessions and side roads and explained the manner of numbering lots .- Convention adjourned.

At 1:30 p. m., convention re-assembled. Mr. Reazin gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Geology." He gave facts to show how that it may be known what minerals, (if any) can be found in certain localities. He also gave the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes. Mr. Weir took the subject "Factoring in Algebra." He illustrated his method by working out examples of elementary factoring. He was followed by Mr. Gilchrist who read a paper on "Composition in Junior Classes."

The question drawer was then opened and Messrs. Knight and Reazin answered the questions. A motion was passed that the next Convention be held in Woodville, Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

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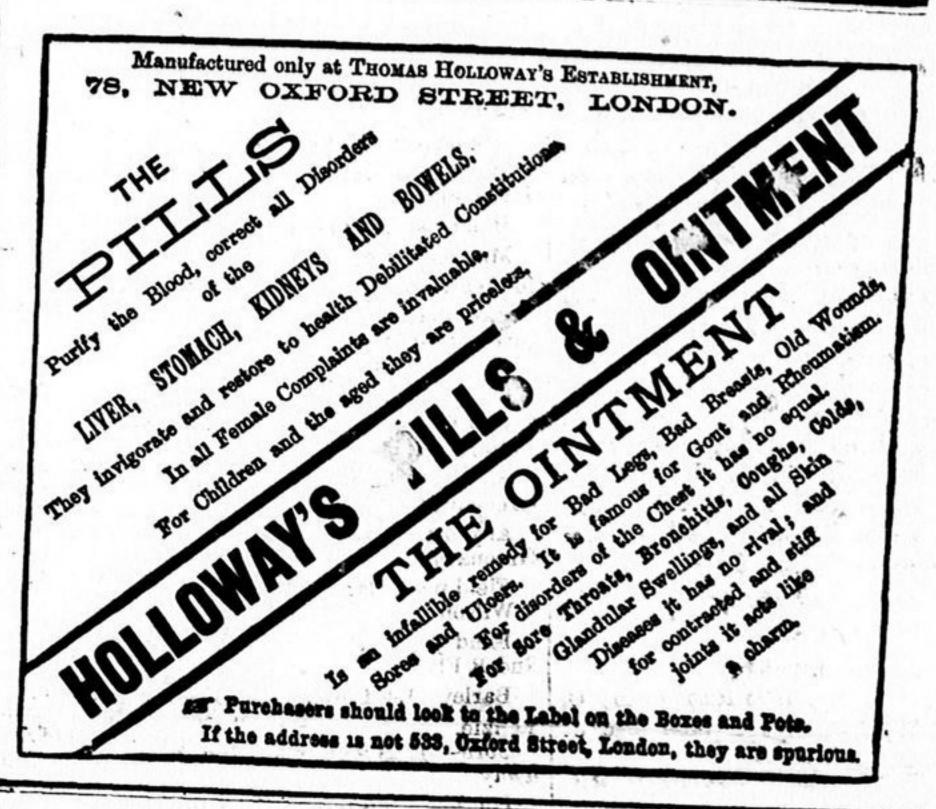
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