

# The Standard.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

There is perhaps no public interest of greater importance to the rising generation and future of our country than education; and there is no country on the face of the globe which enjoys a better Public School System than this Canada of ours: nevertheless, how often do we find that the majority of parents are, in a great measure ignorant of the (often) hampered, ill-ventilated, poorly heated and badly lighted rooms their children dwell in while at school; furthermore, how unconcerned they appear in reference to their physical comfort while passing through this critical period of development in mind and body. Then should the question of increased expenditure for the purpose of enlarging, improving or erecting new buildings be agitated; what bitter opposition it is certain to meet. True there are those who can ill afford an increase in taxes, but this is not the class from whom we generally receive the greatest opposition; but rather from those who do not appreciate the great advantage of a liberal education: notwithstanding all these difficulties we see commendable progress in country, village, town and city, in the supply of comfortable and substantial school buildings, and the number of "stick in the mud" class growing beautifully less. The better education of the rising generation, from whom our Statesmen, Clergy, Teachers, and leading characters in all departments of life must emanate, justly claims our liberal support and devoted attention.

## THEY ARE LEGION.

The crops of candidates for M. P. P. in East Grey appears to be superabundant. The following names have been mentioned as aspirants, viz—Thos. Kells Dr. Christoe, Joseph Rorke, T. McKenny, Thos. Gilray, J. J. Johnston, A. McGirr, J. B. Hand and the present member N. McColman. There are no doubt others which will crop up before the meeting of the convention on the 11th October. By the way, we may be the nominee ourselves, Mr. Creighton, editor of the Owen Sound Times, is the able representative of North Grey, Mr. Jenkins, editor of the Chronicle, is making a strong bid for that position in South Grey, and why not complete the list and give the editor of the STANDARD the honor of representing East Grey, and if we don't give a good account of our stewardship, call us Uncle Davie. Three editors from Grey! why the world would be convinced that this country was singularly blessed with superior intelligence. In the meantime we entreat our readers and the public not to promise their support until after the convention.

## College Federation

The vote on Thursday night involves a new departure, not only so far as the Methodists are concerned—it touches also and will materially influence the higher education of the whole Province. It affects not merely those who go into confederation, but also, and with almost equal power, those who stay out. All will feel its stimulating effect. All will thereby be more than ever put upon their mettle. Those who have gone into the new arrangement will be bound, by every consideration of interest and honor to do their very best to show that the fears expressed were groundless than the expectations cherished could be more than made good.

Then not less will the Local Government and the authorities of the University and University College be bound to show that the confidence reposed in their honor has not been misplaced. These we are certain, have no thought but to be as open as the day. They know that they are not conspirators, as some have most unwarrantably hinted, watching to take advantage of either the weakness or the innocence of those with whom they have been negotiating. They know that all along their motives have been single and transparent. But after all that has been said and done, they must feel themselves more than ever bound to put this beyond question. There has been trust reposed on both sides, and now come the opportunity and the obligation to show that this trust has not been misplaced; that they are not un-

scrupulous absters, watching their miserable opportunity to trip up each other's heels; but men of honor, and Christian gentlemen besides, whose word is as good as their bond.

In the mere internal organization then necessary under the new order of things, we believe there will be no difficulty. The Methodist have wealth enough and liberality enough among themselves to do all which in this respect will be required, aye, and even a great deal more. Their zeal also, we are sure, will provoke many. Mr. Mulock, we prophesy, will not be the only outside who will feel privileged in having some stones in the new building and some dollars in the new endowment, not because their help is needed, because they will love to have it so.

And will the friends of University College and the affiliated theological schools be slow to catch the generous enthusiasm, or be willing to show themselves aggrieved in the race of generous and high hearted liberality? We are quite sure they will not. Once get people thoroughly in earnest over a praiseworthy object, which appeals alike to their judgments and feelings, and it is surprising how the money is forthcoming. So will it be in this case.—[Globe.

## Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents

### Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

Our Township Fathers met in Council in the council chambers here on Monday last, in the absence of the Reeve Dr. Christoe (who in attendance as a delegate at the Methodist General Conference, Toronto) Deputy Reeve, J. McArthur occupied the chair.

From the large droves of cattle that commenced to crowd into the village from north south east and west at an early hour on Monday last one could easily be convinced that it was fair day. There was a good number of buyers on hand and a good number of cattle changed hands at fair prices.

Mr. Whitton, Sen., another of the wealthy farmers of this township wishing to spend the balance of his days in ease and enjoy the comforts of this life purchased a beautiful building site on the elevation in the east ward of our Town, his new dwelling is fairly under way and he expects to move in early this fall.

Mr. J. Reid of Chicago, brother-in-law of the late Chas. Haler, wishing to get away from the crowded city life, has also purchased in our pretty and enterprising village, and intends pushing forward a handsome residence as early as possible.

The Stock of Mr. Abbey, blacksmith of Berkeley, was sold here on Monday last by A. S. VanDusen.

Our esteemed citizen Wm. Elder, Esq., is contemplating moving with his family to a warmer climate, he has California in view.

The old Durham Road has been the scene of a considerable excitement for the past few weeks. A short time ago, Mrs. Mary Watson had her daughter and son-in-law up before Squire Armstrong, J. P., for assault, when a fine was duly imposed, a few days ago Mrs. Watson appeared again to lodge her fourth complaint against her daughter for similar offence the old lady bore marks upon her person of a severe pummeling.

The Quarterly District Convention of the "Royal Templers of Temperance," and a large representation of the "Sons of Temperance" met in the Town Hall here on Thursday afternoon last. Questions of deep interest in connection with Temperance advancement and prohibition were discussed, and thoroughly ventilated, committees for special work were formed, of the most important is that of the committee for "Law and Order" the motto now is Prohibition for Grey, and through Prohibition candidates for our local Legislative Halls. Staunch Temperance men, no other need apply. In the evening a Concert was given in the Hall under the auspices of the B. T. of T. there was a fair attendance and the Program, was fairly well sustained. Mr. John Gordon occupied the chair, and performed his duties there in a very pleasant manner.

The Educational Sermons in connection with this Station were preached by the Rev. W. Ayers in the Methodist Church here on Sabbath last there were good congregations present, the Sermons were both interesting and instructive.

The Rev. Mr. Ayers purposes D. y. delivering a lecture in the Methodist church here Monday evening next. Subject "Supremacy of the mind."

[The above was too late for last week's issue.]

Mr. Editor:—I notice my notes for last week mailed here early Tuesday morning did not reach you till Wednesday noon too late for insertion, may have the post clerk were off to a picnic or taking light a holiday.

We'll try them again—A large number of our citizens are off to the city this week we presume taking in the Exhibition &c.

Church Organs.—The New Baptist Church an attractive and neat little building will be formally opened D. V. on Sabbath next. The services are expected to be of an interesting character, the Rev. Mr. Grant of London, will preach morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Ayers in the afternoon, all those who Mr. Grant on a former occasion here, we feel sure will be delighted to have the privilege of again listening to him in high addresses here; on the Monday evening following a platform meeting will be held when the Rev. Mr. Grant, Rev. Mr. Ayers, Rev. Mr. Wilson and others are expected to be present and deliver addresses.

Mr. James Beecroft proposes retiring from farm life and moving into our interesting town, this fall, having purchased from Mr. A. B. Fawcett, Esq., the dwelling and grounds purchased by him a short time ago from the late Mr. Munroe. Mr. Beecroft who is doing a nice smart business in his line here intends erecting his green-house on his lot here, and paying strict attention to all his numerous customers.

On Monday evening last the Rev. Mr. Ayers delivered his very popular interesting and instructive lecture on "The Supremacy of the Human mind," in the Methodist church, the evening being very unpropitious there was not as large an audience as would otherwise have been, all present were apparently well pleased, after the lecture brief addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Watson, Mr. Wm. Irwin our public school principle, A. B. Fawcett, Esq., Editor, and Mr. M. Richardson. Dr. Sproule, M. P. was expected to be present and officiate as chairman, failing to attend his brother R. J. Sproule, Esq., of this village was voted to the chair and filled the position in a very creditable manner.

School matters.—The Arbitrators appointed by the county council on the appeal on petition for School Section at the Station, met in the Town Hall here on Saturday, to hear the appellants and Trustees. Mr. Hogg stated the case for petitioners and pleaded most ably and eloquently for the formation of a new School Section, he had got a list of 54 children of school age which he claimed were in the limits of the proposed section, or if not all at present in it, the absentees were belonging to it, and although the territory was small and the assessment small and the probable tax to meet an expense of \$350 a year for maintenance of a school he admitted would be some 22 mills on the dollar, yet he said they were willing to pay it. He was supported by Mr. Cook and Mr. McMullen. Mr. M. Richardson spoke first against dividing School Section No. 5. He said they (the Trustees) had never opposed any proposal of any part of their section to detach themselves to form new sections or new allowances until this summer. When called on before by the council to hear petitions for division they (the Trustees) had told the council to do what they thought for the best interests of all, but now circumstances had changed, they had been forced by the representatives from the Station to provide more school accommodation and had made provision to build a new school house to meet the wants of the section as it now stood; he stated also that the proposed new section had not the number of children of school age as required by law to form a new section, that the only reliable authority they had was the assessor's roll which showed less than half the required number, that the list produced by petitioners contained names of people not now living in the section and of others temporarily there in capacity of servants and of one family just arrived this week (and which it has since transpired were only imported for a few days to make up the number required by law). Mr. Richardson pleaded also as a property-owner in the new section against the enormous tax which would be put on to meet the cost of maintaining even a third rate school. Mr. S. Damude spoke on the inexpediency of dividing the school in the way proposed, of the positive lack of children of school age as by law required and the injustice to his section after deferring our school building for years waiting the adjustment of section boundaries, and never opposing any propositions from the Station or elsewhere for readjusting their boundaries; now when we were committed to a scheme of school building, to disturb and divide the section was unwise and impolite. The Arbitrators adjourned for dinner and met again in the afternoon. It took them the whole day to come to a decision, but they finally concluded that if the petitioners were willing to pay for their whistle, although it would be expensive, they should be allowed to have it, and the appeal was granted.

### Owen Sound.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Weather very cold. Large crowds of citizens are leaving for Toronto to take in the sights at the exhibition, to come home satisfied with what they saw.

School started Monday last after undergoing considerable repairs which were much needed.

The steamer General Wollesley was burned last Friday off Cape Crocker. The crew and a small excursion party escaped in a small boat none the worse only a good ducking. The fire is supposed to have caught from a lantern in the hold, and burnt to the water's edge.

Steamers Alberta, Atlantic and Pacific was in and left on their regular trips, carrying large passenger and freight lists.

There was considerable misunderstanding at the Police Court last week between Mr. Spencer the magistrate, and Chief of Police Egerton, and Mr. Platt lawyer, after an exciting argument in a free fight, Mr. Platt finding himself forcibly ejected from the court. Mr. P. is now suing Mr. Spencer and Chief of Police, laying damages at \$25,000. Fruit is being brought into town in large quantities and of a good sample. Think there must be quite a leg up on this year.

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WILLIAM EWART,  
Berkeley P. O.,  
Holland.

## STRAYED!

From the Premises of John Brown, Ltd. 68 & 69, 2 range west T. & S. Road, Township of Holland, the following Cattle: 3 Steers, 1 Light grey and 2 spotted with tail banded, also one red heifer with tail banded. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded. Berkeley, Aug 17, 1886.

## NOTICE

All persons are hereby warned against purchasing two notes signed by William Smith, Artemesia, in favor of Wm. Mason, Markdale, one for \$40, drawn on the 6th August and one for \$40, drawn on the 6th August and 1st January, due the 1st March next; the other \$40, drawn same date, and due the 1st January, 1888, as I have not received value for the same.

WM. SMITH,  
Flesherton P. O.  
Sept. 15th, 1886.

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