THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION. Orinion of R. A. HARRISON, Esq., D. C. L.

An opinion is required on the following

In 1851 a Grammar School was estab-In 1851 a Grammar School was established at Richmond Hill, not then incorporated, but forming part of the Township of Youghan, in the County of York. The building was erected by private subscription.

In 1872 the High School Inspector, or some other person in authority, gave the building was erected by private subscription.
In 1872 the High School Inspector, or
some other person in authority, gave the
Trustees to understand that the building then in use did not afford sufficient accommo-The result was that the Trustees decided to erect a new school house, and before the passing of the By law next mentioned, entered into a contract for the new building.

On 23rd June, 1872, the Council of the County of York, under and pursuant to S.

40 of Stat. 34. Vic. Cap. 33 pressed a Br. say that it was accidentally done and investment. dation suitable for the purposes of the school. 40 of Stat. 34, Vic. Cap 33. passed a By say that it was accidentally done, and if not law No. 204, dividing the County of York into four High School districts, of which No. 3 was described as being composed of it. The only purpose, it appears to me, is King, and lots one to fifteen inclusive of the first three concessions of the Township of In this view it seems to me that the Council of from those interested. Communications Whitchurch In 1872, the sum of \$2000 was of the village of Richmond Hill is alone collected from this High School district bound to raise the requisite amount. In for building purposes. On 1st January, 1873, Richmond Hill was incorporated. The County Council afterwards, on 18th June. 1873, passed a By law, No. 233, reconstructing the High School districts, and providing that district No 3 should consist of the county of the f the incorporated village of Richmond Hill. On 25th June, 1873, a further By law, No. 239. was passed by the County Council, amending By law No. 233, so far as relates to the time when the said By-law shall take effect. It recites among other things that legal opinion had been obtained that all contracts entered into by the Boards of the different HighSchool districts previous to the passing of the said Bylaw for the maintenance of the said High Schools, should be levied on said High School dis-tricts, and enacts that Bylaw No. 233, far as refers to contracts entered into by the different High School Boards for the maintenance of said High Schools, until on or after 25th December, 1873. There is still a sum of about \$1170 due in respect of the High School Building.

The questions for opinion are in effect

1st. Had the Trustees power to enter into the contract for the building of the new school house, without the previous consent of the ratepayers?

2nd. If they had the power, should the hal-ance due under the contract be raised by the High School District as constituted under By law No. 204, or by the village of Ricamond Hill alone, being the district as constituted by the Bylaw 233. As to the first. It is by S. 25 of Con. Stat. U. C. Cap. 63 made the duty of the trustees "to do whatever they deem expedient with regard to erecting, repairing, warming, furnishing, and keeping in order the buildings of such School and its appendages, lands and enclo-sures belonging thereto, and to apply (if ne cessary) for the requisite sums, to be raised by Municipal authority for any such purpose." This, in my opinion, authorized the Trustees, without the previous sanction of the ratepayers, to enter into the contract for the building of the new school house.

As to the second, Power is given by S. 40

of 34 Vic. Cap. 33, Ont. to every County Council "to determine the limits of each High School district for each Grammer School now existing within the County, and "to form the whole or part of one or more Townships, Towns and Villages within its jurisdiction into a High School district."
It is by the same section declared that, Existing Grammar School Divisions already established shall be called High School Districts, and cominue as such until otherwise altered by By law."

The power conferred is, it will be observalter. Once a determination is made by every satisfaction.

No. 204, determined the limits of the High School districts; that determination, in the absence of legislative authority to the contrary, must, I think, be held to be a final determination. The exercise of such a power is the exercise of a delegated legislative power, and can only be exercised to the ex tent, and not beyond the extent, to which it churches, 80 newspapers, 31 railroad com was conferred. This being the best opinion panies, and names enough to form an "esti-I can form on the reading of an act that is

a masterpiece of confusion. I have come to the conclusion that By law No. 233 is void. If By law No. 233 were a valid By law. I do not think that Bylaw No. 239 would postpone its operation, as regards contracts for the construction of school houses. I do not think that the word "maintenance," as used in By law No. 239, is of sufficiently broad signification to include such contracts. If the word "accommodation"had been used, my construction of Bv-law No. 239 might have been different. It does not follow that the village of Richmond Hill is not alone responsible to raise the requisite \$1170. It is by S. 36 of 33 Vic Can. 36. enacted. "that in the case of a High School in Towns, incorporated Villages, or or Townships, one half of the amount paid by the Government shall be paid by the the High School is situated upon application of the High School Board." and that "such other sums as may be required for the maintenance and school accommodation of the maintenance and school accommodation of the maintenance and school accommodation of the English people is 40.86 years, or, in round numbers, 41 years; that is the average numbers of years that people born in England that nance and school accommodation of the said High School shall be raised by the Council of the Municipality in which the High School is situated, upon the application of the High School Board;" or in the event (which is the case here) of the County Council forming the whole or parts of a County into one or more High School Districts, then such other sums as may be required for the maintenance, not as before, "maintenance and accommodation," of the said High School, shall be provided by the High School district." It is by S. 8 of Con Stat. U. C.Cap. 63.declared that the money County for Grammar School purposes, shall be expended in the payment of the salaries of teachers, and for no other pur-

Then it is provided by S. 6. of Stat. 29 Vic. Cap. 23. "That no Grammar School shall be entitled to share in the Grammar School fund "unless a sum shall be provi-School fund "unless a sum shall be proveded from local sources, exclusive, of fees equal to at least half the sum apportioned to such school, and expended for the same purpose as the said fund." So that, as I proved the sets no nortion of the Government in a short time she broke up and sank, but a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank, but in a short time she broke up and sank but in a short time she but in a short time she broke up and sank but in a short time she but in a short time sh appropriation, and no portion of the halfequivalent raised from local sources can be legal. previously been rescued by tugs. ly applied otherwise than in the payment of salaries of teachers. I do not think that either S. 8 of Con. Stat. U. C. Cap 63, or S. 6 of 29 Vic. Cap. 23. can be said to be overruled by S. 36 of 34 Vic. Cap. 33, which declares that "the Grammar or High School Grant shall be exclusively applied maid of High Secools," and that in the case of a Wich School in the Halmei, one

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I think the whole of the Government change has not been sudden, nor has the grant, and the expense of the light come, we want appearance may suckness. Each in buted by the County County I would be stoness have occurred before, but they are

payment of the salaries of teachers; other TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISsums, required for the maintenance and accommodation of the High School, must be raised as directed by S.36 of Stat.34 Vic Cap. 33. Where a County Council has not

passed any By-laws determining the limits of High School districts, moneys requisite School district; and moneys required for accommodation, such as building a new School House, must apparently be rais-

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the event of the Council refusing to do so, tees to the Court, or a Judge, for a man-damus, in which event the question would

I cannot say that I am entirely free from doubt on the points raised; it may be that the legislature intended differently to what I have supposed, but I can only judge of the intention of the legislature from the language used by the legislature.

The whole question turns on the meaning of the word "maintenance," as used in the latter part of S. 36, of 34 Vic. Cap. 33. If the word stood alone, it might be open to a broader interpretation than I have put upon it, but used in connection with the words and accommodation" in a former part of County of York, shall not take effect in so without these words it cannot be taken to involve all that these words express.

ROBERT A. HARRISON. August 29, 1873.

Mews Items.

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Boston uses about 5,000 gallons of soda vater on a hot day.

nterior of Japan.

Water from the Springfield, Mass., aque duct has only 899 little worms to the gill. An ancient Christian church, in perfect preservation, has been discovered in the

More than 51,000 postage stamps were found loose in the different post offices in Great Britain in 1872.

From five to seven refrigerator cars, loaded with butter, are said to be shipped East every day from Chicago.

Water is selling at one bit per bucket in Gold Hill Nevada. Beer is about as cheap, and in greater demand.

The iron trade in the United States gives employment to 137,545 operatives, and the lumber trade to 163,397 operatives. Golden City, Colorado, is rejoicing over a bar of black sand nine miles long and one mile broad, which yields \$200 gold to the

S. M. Smith, Secretary of the Illinoi State Farmers' Association, says that seventenths of the farmers of Illinois are mort

The German authorities have decided to The power conferred is, it will be observed, to determine—not from time to time to their labors in the post-office having given

ported black tea. The hull of the British ship "Confidence," the flagship in the battle of Lake Cham-plain, is being raised from the bottom of that lake near Whitehall.

Chicago's new directory catalogues 212 churches, 80 newspapers, 31 railroad com

mated" population of 465,170. In the San Francisco city prison, recently,

cealed four fine steel saws A Brakesman named J McConnell fell

from a train on the Northern Railway at Stayner on Thursday and received injuries which proved fatal.

It is stated that upwards of a million See them at the copies of the penny edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress" have been sold by the Beligious Tract and Book Society.

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Lake Tahoe, Nevada, has a curiodity. Half a mile from shore a tree stands per pendicular in eighty feet of water. It projects ten feet above the surface, and is fast ened so firmly to the bottom that it affords

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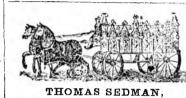
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