

New Advertisements.

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, August 18, 1898

The Hardy Government had a majority of six in the first division of the House.

Now that the war between the United States and Spain seems to be ended, England and Russia seem to think seriously of flying at each other's throats.

"We believe in the sacredness of the law. It is, we thank God, more sacred to British governed men than to any other nation."

Reply to Mr. Stewart.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: We are very glad that another side of this matter has been presented.

Mr. Stewart starts off with the assumption that we attributed the cause of so many failures to the incapacity of P. S. Teachers.

There is one other point which should be mentioned. The Regulations of 1898 have come into force for the first time at the recent examinations.

The next part of Mr. Stewart's letter contains a serious error. This error has led him to make a bold and unfounded charge on us when he says that we "with evident designs" (mark you) "have arrived at and possibly broken the camel's back."

This is the true state of affairs. High School teachers and officials have nothing to do with the P. S. L. examinations.

Now as to the Arithmetic paper. We said in our first letter that all the papers were difficult but we have not yet seen anything unfair.

art calls it "unreasonable," and implies that it was set with a view of "plucking." In this he is wrong again.

Now as to the advantages of the P. S. L. which Mr. Stewart mentions we have nothing to say. As long as it exists it will very materially help parents to solve the financial difficulties of a High School course.

We have not touched on Mr. Stewart's argument that if only entrance work is to be taught in Public Schools Third class certificate teachers will do.

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Thanking you for your special Editor, I am respectfully yours.

ERNEST COOMBS.

AGENTS. Never before has the death of any man caused such profound sensation throughout the world as that of Mr. Gladstone.

Langstaff

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

In the fall of 1834, Mr. Henry Richards, a native of Somersetshire, Eng., through the influence of Squire Parsons, was appointed teacher.

con. Vaughan, was about to be pulled down in 1836 to make room for Lymburner's Hotel but Mr. John Langstaff and the late Robert Marsh moved it across (with the aid of four yoke of oxen) the road allowance between lots 40 and 41, 1st con. Markham.

Others at the southern end of the section sent their children to a private school kept by one Devine in the house now occupied by Mr. James Pearson, Thornhill.

Mr. K. Tompson took Mr. Richards' place while he attended Normal school, and Mr. Dyer, who drove from Richmond Hill every morning followed Mr. Richards in '53.

About this time a change in the desks was made. This time there were two long ones, one on each side, running the whole length of the room.

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Allan McLean and Mr. McPherson taught during parts of '54 and '55. In Jan. 1856 Mr. Samuel Moorby was appointed.

As has been hinted before if there was one qualification which was required of the early teacher it was that he should be a good penman and Mr. Moorby was no exception.

And now for one more change in the style of desks. This time they put in desks six or eight feet long, a row on each side of the school room.

In 1861 Mr. J. Story Waterfield followed Mr. Moorby; he was for thirteen years the terror and the idol of the Langstaff school boys.

The modes of punishment which were in vogue about this time would almost remind one of the religious persecution of the old world.

Those who have read these letters are no doubt weary of names and dates; so am I. In 1882 the writer commenced at the A B C's in the old white school and since he has vivid recollections of maple switches, rubber straps, &c., he thinks he had better close as any remarks made might be to personal.

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