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DENTIST, directly opposite the Post Office, Wellington Street. Established in Kingston 1840.

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PHYSICIAN and Surgeon, has removed to Sydenham street, between Princess and Queen streets. Office—Heath & Mann's Drug Store.

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BARRISTERS, &c. Office—Anchor Buildings, Brock Street, Kingston.
T. R. McGUIRE. GEORGE CLAXTON

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DENTIST. Graduate of New York College of Dentistry. Office—Wellington Street, between Princess and Brock Streets. Particular attention paid to the preservation of the teeth.

SMYTHE & DICKSON,

BARRISTERS and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Notaries Public, Ontario street, adjoining the Dominion Telegraph Office.
E. J. B. SMYTHE, M.A., L.L.B. | E. H. DICKSON, B.A.

ROBERT SHAW,

BARRISTER, Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor, &c. Office—Princess Street, over Dr. Skinner's Drug Store. Money to Loan on Real Estate.

POWER & SON,

ARCHITECTS and Building Surveyors. Office—Wellington Street, Kingston.
JOHN POWER. JOSEPH W. POWER.

C. CREEGGAN, L.D.S.,

DENTIST—Office over Mills Bros.' Hat Store, corner of Princess and Bagot streets. Entrance Bagot street.

D. PHELAN, M.D., M.R.C.P.S.,

ONTARIO and Quebec, (Member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Quebec) Physician, Surgeon, Accoucheur. Office—Wellington Street, near the Kingston Bakery.

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C. L. CURTIS, M.D., successor to Dr. Jarvis, Physician, Surgeon, &c. Office and Residence nearly opposite the Post Office, Wellington Street. Calls in the city or country promptly attended to.

Removal.

DR. SAUNDERS has removed to the house formerly occupied by Dr. Sampson, at the corner of King and William Sts. Office as before at Dr. Yates' Surgery, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. After 6 p.m. at the house, door on William street.
Dec. 9.

HY. BRAME,

Cabinet Maker and Undertaker,

CORNER PRINCESS AND SYDENHAM STS.

NO. 65, - - KINGSTON, ONT

Keeps constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of Furniture.

Undertaking attended to in all its branches. Keeps always on hand a large assortment of

COFFINS AND CASKETS,

of every description, and has the best HEARSE in the Dominion. Funerals attended to in the city and country on the most reasonable terms.
HY. BRAME.
Dec. 30, 1879

THOMAS RONAN,

Furnishing Undertaker,

BAGOT STREET, next door to Chown & Cunningham's Stove Depot.

Furnishings and Attendance

of every description for Funerals at very moderate rates. A FIRST-CLASS HEARSE on hand.

Coffins of all Sizes and Prices kept on Hand.

Services given at house at all hours.
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NO. 60, PRINCESS STREET.

All Kinds of Wearing Apparel Cleaned and Dyed in the Most Prompt and Satisfactory Manner.

R. Montgomery,
Proprietor.
Oct. 29.

Now is the Time

TO LEAVE YOUR ORDERS FOR

CUTTERS and SLEIGHS

Or to get your old ones repaired or done up. During the remainder of the season we will sell

Buggies, Phartons, Etc., Very Cheap,

J. W. BROWN & CO.
Aug. 30.

A CARD.

MRS. JONES, Princess Street, opposite Burgess' Store, will purchase at her own Store.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothing

to any amount, and pay cash, or will wait on them at their residences if desired.
Goods sold upon Commission.
Dec. 11.

Mechanics' Institute,

KINGSTON.

READING ROOM well supplied with current Literature.

LIBRARY replete with useful, scientific and interesting works. Catalogues may be procured at the Library.

Kingston, Aug.

Ayer's Hair Vigor,

FOR RESTORING GRAY HAIR

TO ITS NATURAL VITALITY AND COLOR.

Advancing years, sickness, care, disappointment, and hereditary predisposition all turn the hair gray, and either of them induce it to shed prematurely. AYER'S HAIR VIGOR by long and extensive use, has proven that it stops the falling of the hair, immediately, often renews the growth, and always surely restores its color when faded or gray. It stimulates the nutritive organs to healthy activity, and preserves both the hair and its beauty. Thus brashy, weak or sickly hair becomes glossy, pliable and strengthened; lost hair restored; with lively expression, falling hair is checked and stabilished; thin hair thickens, and faded or gray hairs resume their original color. Its operation is sure and harmless. It cures dandruff, heals all humors, and keeps the scalp cool, clean and soft—under which conditions, diseases of the scalp are impossible.

As a dressing for ladies' hair, the VIGOR is praised for its grateful and agreeable perfume, and valued for the soft lustre and richness it gives to the hair.

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Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.,

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Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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PRINCESS STREET.

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In the Gentlemen's Furnishing Department

We are showing all the Novelties in Scarfs, Ties, Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear, and a specialty made of White, Regatta, Oxford and Flannel Shirts, which can be selected from stock or made to measure. Our stock of Rubber Coats, Waterproof Clothing, Camp Sheets and Carriage Rugs are also worthy of an inspection.

(Give us a call.

SEALE, BROS.
June 1, 1880.

University of London.

Gilchrist Scholarship Examination.

INTENDING candidates are reminded that they must send in their names accompanied by certificates of age and character, to this Department on or before the 30th of April, 1881. The examination takes place

On Monday, 20th June, 1881.

Copies of the list of subjects in which candidates will be examined for the years 1881 and 1882 respectively, can be obtained on application to the Department.

ARTHUR S. HARDY,
Provincial Secretary.
Provincial Secretary's Office,
Toronto, Feb. 18th, 1881.

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FRASER & MOWAT'S

FOR CHEAP

HARDWARE.

They are giving up business in Kingston, and are now selling off their entire stock at cost.

Builders' and General Hardware and Sporting Goods.

180 PRINCESS STREET.
Oct. 29.

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OFFICE—WELLINGTON STREET,

(Opposite St George's Hall.)

WM FORD, President. M. DORAN, Vice-Pres't.
Solicitor.....H. M. BRITTON, Q.C.

Subscribed Capital - $250,000.

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Loan Department—Money advanced on the security of Farm or City Property. For further information apply to

JAMES McARTHUR,
Manager.

N. McNEIL,

Practical Plumber & Steam Fitter.

HAVING SUCCESSFULLY HEATED THE TWO LARGEST PUBLIC BUILDINGS that have been heated in this city—the one by hot water and the other by steam—is of itself conclusive evidence that I am competent to give satisfaction in heating buildings or dwellings of similar dimensions.

All work done at the lowest remunerating rates for first-class work at the

Old Established Kingston Plumbing Works

No. 66 Brock Street.

March 4.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

THE Subscriber desires to intimate to the Citizens of Kingston and vicinity that, although and now in the Factory he still intends keeping up his connection here. Orders left at Ferguson's Store on Princess Street, will receive his immediate attention.

E. MORHAM,

RESIDENCE Albert St., off Union. | PIANOFORTE TUNER & Practical Piano Maker.
Jan. 27, '81.

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TO THINK THAT YOU ARE INCURABLE.

GRAY'S VITALINE

Never fails to relieve, and with proper use will cure all diseases arising from impurity of the blood.

Give Vitaline a fair trial and you will be convinced that it is a wonderful remedy.

Price $1 per bottle.
Sold by all Druggists.

The Gray Medicine Co.,
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King Street, opposite Spangenburg's.

has just received a large stock of

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He keeps hand a stock of first-class Groceries. Cheap for cash.

Lunch at all hours. Oysters by plate, can or quart. Bread and Vienna Rolls of the best baking.
Dec. 16.

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Mouldings, Mirrors and Picture Frames!

Of every Description.

Grand CLEARING Sale

Now Going on at the New York Art Gallery.

PRICES THAT WERE NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF.

PICTURE FRAMES MADE ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE. COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

Wholesale Manufacturers and Importers.

J. A. GOULD & CO.,

185 Wellington Street, Kingston.

March 7th.

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LADIES' GLOVES!

AT

Clark Wright & Son's.

ANOTHER Stock received of Storey & Son's celebrated fine Kid Gloves and Mitts. Otter tops. Eureka Springs, for Ladies and Gents Wear.

Astrachan Jackets, &c,

S. S. SEA SETTS a Specialty.

Racoon Coats.

Grey Japanese Robes.

DYED GOAT ROBES, BUFFALO ROBES.

CLARK WRIGHT & SON.
Wellington Street.
Dec. 8th.

Coal Oil! Coal Oil!

AMERICAN COAL OIL

only 40 cents per Imperial Gallon.

Cut Nails, Paints and Paint Oils, Glass and Putty.

A large lot of second-hand Cooking and Parlor Stoves for sale cheap. Also one No. 2 Rathbun Hot-air Parlor Furnace, in good order, for sale very cheap at

HAMER'S NEW STORE,

Corner of King and Princess Streets.

N.B.—All kinds of Scales repaired and adjusted on the shortest notice.
Nov. 29.

Kingston Bottling Depot.

AGENCY FOR LARAHT'S ENGLISH HOP Ales and Porter, where they can be bought for Cash cheaper than any other house in the city.

ALES, qts per doz	$1 00
" pints "	60
XXX PORTER, qts per doz	1 00
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Quinte Lager Beer, put up expressly for family use, pts per doz. 50c.

George Thompson,

KING STREET.

The Excelsior Bath Rooms

The only First-Class Baths and Bath Rooms in the city.

Hot, Cold and Shower Baths attached to

R. H. ELMER'S

HAIR CUTTING AND SHAVING SALOON,

183, Princess Street, Kingston.
Oct. 22.

Smith & Paterson,

Bookbinders and Stationers,

MARKET SQUARE, KINGSTON.

SMITH & PATERSON, whilst gratefully acknowledging the continued support and patronage they receive, would respectfully solicit a trial of their work, from all parties wanting books bound. Every description of work, from the plainest to the most expensive, done at their office. No delay. All work promptly executed, and sent home on the day promised.

Binders to Queen's College, Kingston.
Nov. 18.

Save Money By

TAKING A WALK

TO THE

Little Giant Tailor Shop,

Corner Brock and Barrie Sts.,

And get a pair of its $5 Pants, made to order in Scotch and Canadian Tweeds.

Perfect fit guaranteed.

S. MOCKRIDGE.

Kingston, Jan. 13, '81.

CARRUTHERS BROTHERS,

FINANCIAL AGENTS,

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SHELF and HEAVY HARDWARE.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Glass, &c., Fence Wire and Cut Nails.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS HARDWARE A SPECIALTY.

W. M. DRENNAN.

Feb. 17.

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Fire Insurance

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OF LONDON, ENGLAND,

Having made the required deposit of $100,000 and obtained the Government license is now prepared to transact a general fire insurance business in the Dominion.

HEAD OFFICE FOR CANADA
42 St. John Street, Montreal.
WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Manager.

W. D. GORDON,

Agent for Kingston.

Office Montreal Street, between Princess and Brock.
Dec. 8th.

Winchester's Hypophosphites

Peruvian Syrup,
Wheeler's Elixir Phosphates,
Dr. King's New Discovery,
Fellow's Syrup of Hypophosphites.
McLean's Napthaline,
Dr. Day's Ext. of Malt,
Kennedy's Prairie Weed,
Allen's Lung Balsam,
Lamplough's Pyretic Saline,
Phillips' Milk of Magnesia
Campbell's Ext. of Malt

AT

Wade's Drug Store,

Cor. of King and Brock Sts., Market Square.
Feb. 12.

Day's Extract of Malt.

THE following is a certificate in reference to the excellence of Day's Extract of Malt:

Kingston, March 2nd, 1881.

To E. W. DAY, M.D., Kingston.

Dear Sir,—It affords me much satisfaction in further testifying to the curative properties of your Extract of Malt. Before using it, my wife was reduced to a shadow, but now I am happy to say, that she seems a new creation, having gained over ten pounds in weight in the last month. I have, therefore, no hesitation in pronouncing your Extract a most excellent tonic and renovator of the system. I am confident that it only requires to be known to bring it into general use.—Yours truly,

HENRY COSLEY.

For sale by all Druggists.
March 3.

JAMES REID,

Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer and Undertaker,

152 Princess Street,

KINGSTON.

All kinds of COFFINS, CASKETS, SHROUDS, &c., kept constantly on hand.

A NEW HEARSE—the best in the city—and can furnish funerals at the most reasonable terms. Call and examine my stock.

For Sale.

LOT 7 in 5th Con. Kingston, 100 Acres. Large Frame House. Barns, Stables, Outhouses, Sheds, &c., 30 Acres under cultivation; rest pasture. Good living water.

Lot 8, 200 Acres. No buildings. A bearing Orchard of 100 Apple Trees.

Lot 30 Acres. New Frame House. Good barn 30 x 40. Log Barn, well shingled. Good well. Immediate possession.

The whole would be sold together or in parcels to suit the purchasers.

S. C. McGILL,
Real Estate Agent, Clarence street, opposite the Post Office.
Feb. 22.

Something entirely new in Fine Laced and Buttoned Low Shoes for Ladies—Haines & Lockett's

W. Follest

IS prepared to perform any kind of Winter Work. Orders left 21 5th Hawkesbury, Nelson Street, Williamsville, or at Police Station, will be promptly attended to.
Nov. 22.

New Advertisements.

The Best Field for EMIGRANTS.

An immense area of Railroad and Government Lands, of great fertility, within easy reach of permanent market, at extremely low prices, is now offered for sale in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington Territory.

These lands form part of the GRAIN BELT of the Pacific Slope, and are within an average distance of 250 to 300 miles from Portland, where steamships and sailing vessels are directly loaded FOR ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Grain at Portland, Oregon, commands a price equal to that obtained in Chicago.

The early completion of the Northern Pacific R. R. is now assured, and guarantees to settlers cheap and quick transportation and good markets both East and West. The opening of this new overland line to the Pacific, together with the construction of the network of 700 miles of railroad by the O. R. & N. Co. in the valleys of the great Columbia and its principal tributaries, renders certain a rapid increase in the value of the lands now open to purchase and pre-emption. There is every indication of an enormous movement of population to the Columbia River region in the immediate future.

Lands show an average yield of 40 Bushels of Wheat per acre. No Failure of crops ever known.

Railroad Lands offered at the uniform rate of $2.50 an Acre.

CLIMATE MILD AND HEALTHY.

For pamphlet and maps, descriptive of country, its resources, climate, rouge of travel, rates and full information, address

A. L. STOKES,
Gen'l Eastern Pass'r Agent,
52 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Turkey Faathers

TAIL and WING, Wanted. Highest price paid. Send for Circular AT ONCE. Mention this paper.

THE NATIONAL FEATHER DUSTER CO.,
44 & 46 State Street, Chicago.
A. J. SANDS, Secretary.

WISCONSIN 500,000 ACRES LANDS

ON THE LINE OF THE

WISCONSIN CENTRAL R. R.

For full particulars, which will be sent free, address

CHARLES L. COLBY,
Land Commissioner, Milwaukee, Wis.

FRAZER AXLE GREASE.

Best in the world. Lasts longer than any other. Always in good condition. Cures sores, cuts, bruises and corns. Costs but little more than the imitations. Every package has the trade mark. Call for the genuine, and take no other.

YOUNG MEN Learn Telegraphy and earn $40 to $100 a month. Every graduate guaranteed a paying situation. Address VALENTINE BROS., Janesville, Wis.

$777 A YEAR and expenses to agents. Outfit Free. Address P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

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SCOTCH SEED BARLEY,

CLOVER SEED,

TIMOTHY SEED,

OIL CAKE,

AT THE

TORONTO FLOUR STORE.

M. MORRISON.

March 5.

And do not be put off with any of the imitations on which dealers make more money. Each Bar has the Albert Toilet Soap Co.'s name on it as well as the Stag's Head.

LANDS FOR SALE.

THE following lands will be sold cheap for cash:

No. 23, 5th Con. Hinchinbrooke, 200 Acres.
W. ½ 22, 1st " 100
L. K. & P. Ry crosses this lot.
No. 9, 5th Con. Olden, 200
(Main road north cross this lot.)

Apply to JAMES AGNEW,
Barrister, &c.
Kingston, Jan. 25, '81.

THIS IS THE BEST MONTH TO

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE.

Because you avoid the Spring rush.
You get first choice of New Patterns.
You are sure of skilled Labor.
You insure promptness.

Come this month and see the new, beautiful and attractive

PAPER HANGINGS!

The Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

Room, Hallway & Decorative Paper

IN CENTRAL CANADA

AT THE

CITY PAINT SHOP

BAGOT STREET.

House and Sign Painting, Graining, Glazing, Paper Hanging, Kalsomining and Window Shade Painting done in the best style, shortest notice and at the lowest rates.

W. ROBINSON & SON,
Bagot St., between Princess and Queen.
March 3, '81.

NEW FRUITS

RECEIVED.

CHOICE GROCERIES

OF ALL KINDS AND

Everything Suitable for the Season.

A Fresh and Select Stock always to be found at this

CHINA TEA HOUSE,

Ferguson's Block, Princess St.

JAS. REDDEN.

Aug. 19.

ALL

BELFORD'S

Publications

AT HALF PRICE

AT

McAuley's

Bookstore

March 2.

An Eligible Tavern Stand.

THE GROVE HOUSE.

WILL BE SOLD OR LEASED, with possession on May 1st next, that well known, old established Tavern Stand, the Grove House, King Street West, now doing a good business. The building is of stone with 13 rooms, well laid out, garden and Stables attached. The House has always been licensed, and in good repute.

For terms apply to SMYTHE & DICKSON, Kingston.
Feb. 5th.

$25 SAVED

BY INVESTING 25 CENTS IN A BOTTLE OF

MAGIC COUGH CURE!

FOR SALE BY

W. T. C. Bethel, Chemist,

224 Princess Street, Kingston.
(Late of E. Rooper & Co., Toronto.)
March 4.

STEAM SAW MILL.

FOR SALE or to let in the Village of Harrowsmith, within one mile of Kingston Markets, Building 70 x 36 ft., 3½ stories high, Engine Room, &c., 40 x 20 ft., with yard and lumber privileges, capable of using a large band mill erected in the building are Lath and Shingle Mills that may be purchased at reasonable figures. For further particulars apply to

MARTIN STRACHAN,
Harrowsmith.
Feb. 14.

Daily British Whig.

WOMAN'S LOVE.

A woman's love is of man's life
The dearest, brightest part,
It soothes him in his hours of strife,
And cheers his lonely heart.

And blest is he who back repays
Affection's smiles and tears,
For woman's love shall gild his days
And smooth the pillow of fears.

A woman's love is like the rose
By every tempest shaken,
If nourished it ever blooms and grows,
But withers if forsaken.

Then blest is he by whom 'tis nursed
By God 'twas made and given.
There is no richer boon on earth
Than womanly love—'tis heaven!

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Mr. J. Wilson Discusses the Public Grants for Educational Purposes.

To the Editor of the British Whig.

SIR,—Perhaps you will not be surprised at receiving this communication from me after what took place last Monday at the City Council, concerning the grant to the Collegiate Institute. Had I not been suffering from a head ache that I could not wish my worst enemy to possess I would not now have occasion to trouble you with this epistle, as I could at that time have had my say on the subject in question and the other matters connected therewith.

My reasons for asking you to kindly give this a place in your columns are these:

1. I wish to put myself right in the eyes of the public for the little action that I have already taken in the matter.

2. To state that I am opposed to any law or principle calculated to carry general free education further than the sixth class in our common schools.

3. To clear up any blame in the matter of the sixth class that might appear to some people to be chargeable against the Public School Board.

4. To show the rate payers what sum per annum it costs them for each pupil in the Collegiate Institute and the public schools respectively.

5. To show that the sixth class grievance so far as it appears to have affected the Institute was and is now a mere bug bear without foundation in fact.

6. That I have no grudge or pique against the Institute, directly or indirectly. On the contrary I have the highest respect for its Trustees and teaching staff. I hold that with the Government grant the Institute should be self sustaining.

7. To make a few general observations on all the subjects herein mentioned.

Because I voted against the grant it must not be supposed for one moment that I am opposed to a liberal education, or that I would like to see the Institute go down. On the contrary I would like to see its standing and character go up to be only second to that of Queen's College. But, sir, I would also like to see the fees going up correspondingly. I opposed the grant on principle, and for no other reason whatever. Besides, I dislike to see the Institute degraded to the

LEVEL OF A POOR SCHOOL,

as is now being done by such a sweeping reduction in the fees, viz., from $21 to $8 a year, with the promise that the latter sum will soon be wiped out entirely. The time was, sir, when the Collegiate Institute was considered a select school, a school, sir, where the most fastidious father and mother would have no hesitation in sending their children, a school that it was considered an honor and a privilege to gain an admittance to. "But things have changed since Betsy died." When the fees are all swept away wherein will lie the prize that public school pupils hitherto took a delight in competing for? It will be gone, sir, or considered valueless because it is cheap and common. It is pretty generally conceded that the masses of the people should be educated up to some point or grade. I accept that doctrine, because it is sound, because it is right, and because it imposes the burden equally on all according to his or her means and is open to all who choose to avail themselves of its benefits. But there is a great diversity of opinion as to how far free education should be carried. For agreement sake let us fix the stopping point at the sixth class in the common schools, that would meet my views exactly, and I think it would also meet the views of most people, because, sir, it would fit a lad for any trade or calling excepting the learned professions. Let us now suppose that ten ratepayers, having each a son at the common schools, and each boy educated up to the highest point above named, and that they are about to leave the school to take up some trade or calling. Let us again suppose that the fathers of nine of the boys are poor and satisfied with their sons' present education, because it is sufficient for the pursuits that they have marked out for them. But not so with the tenth father, who is rich and ambitious; his son must have a profession at any cost and must needs attend the Collegiate Institute as a further step towards that profession whatever it may be. Now, there would be nothing wrong in that if father No. 10 had to foot the whole bill or cost. But no, he says to the other nine fathers, "It's true you are poor, but you must nevertheless assist me in paying for the education of my son at the Institute, to the extent of one fourth cost or in the aggregate nine tenths of the whole amount. Now, sir, it is not hard to show that that is a correct

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as it now stands. Here are the figures. Suppose the total population of the city to be 15,000; less the Roman Catholic part, which we will place at 5,000; this number, deducted from the 15,000, would leave 10,000, which divided by 10 (which we will suppose is the average number in each family) would give a quotient of 1,000, or equal to 1,000 ratepayers. Now as 10 is about one-tenth the number of pupils in the Collegiate Institute, so is 100 one tenth the whole number of ratepayers. This sir, forms the ground of my objections to making the Institute a free school. Instead of P. S. Board being in any way blameable, as some people say they are, they are deserving of the highest praise for their magnanimity in the matter of the sixth class bug bear, also for the economical and efficient manner in which they are conducting our P. S. The sixth class is not a new thing, sir, in the public schools. It has existed for many years, and has been taught and is now being taught by Miss McIntyre, who only omitting the three optional studies (permissable by law), viz., Chemistry, Natural Philosophy and Book keeping. About a year and a half ago, the Board found it necessary to [illegible] Miss McIntyre, the head master of the Model School, to take up the three studies omitted by Miss McIntyre, and they were accordingly taught by him till he left the city, and they are now taught by his successor, Mr. McArthe. That, sir, seems to be the whole offence committed by the Public School Board. It may be asked, why were those studies taken up in the Model School? To such a question I would reply that the Board found that the common school pupils who attended the Institute for the purpose of qualifying themselves as teachers could not get those studies there, hence the action of the Board. Further, I have been credibly informed that no sooner had those studies been taken up in the Model School, than those same pupils were very glad to go there and avail themselves of the studies in question! Again, why is it that some of the city third class teachers are now attending the Sydenham High School instead of the Collegiate Institute?

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS.

Below I beg leave to submit two tables or statements showing the comparative cost to the public of a pupil in the common schools and Collegiate Institute respectively.

These figures are reliable, as they have been obtained from public records.

REASONS FOR INCREASE.

It has been stated by a gentleman who should know that the increased grant for the Institute was asked for in consequence of the ruin that the sixth class in the common schools was working to the Institute! Gentle reader, look again at statement No. 2 and tell me in what year the falling off of pupils took place? I can't see it. Was it in 1877? No, there was an increase in that year. Was it in 1878? No, there was a further increase in that year. Was it in 1879? No, there was a still further increase in that year. Was it in 1880, the year just closed? No, in that year the average attendance was at its highest. Gentle reader, may I again trouble you, this time to take a look at the amount of the grant for each year in question, and you will see that the larger the attendance the more money was asked for. When the attendance was 87 a grant of $2,025 was asked for; and now that the attendance is 100 a grant of $2,850 is asked for! How logical. If an increased number of pupils has the effect of increasing the grant, as it appears to have done, I shall be a little curious to know what amount of grant will be asked for next year, when it is said that the attendance will in all probability be 200? It strikes me that it would be more to the advantage of the ratepayers to keep down rather than increase the number of pupils in the Institute.

DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION.

It may be fairly asked what are the advantages the Collegiate pupils receive over public school pupils? In reply the only advantages, that I am aware of are that they get Greek, Latin and French and perhaps a more extensive knowledge of mathematics. On the other hand it may be asked what are the benefits that the citizens receive from the common schools in lieu of their annual cost? In reply I would state that they get from 1,300 to 1,500 of their children educated up to the sixth class grade. Seven large schools are maintained in an efficient state, twenty nine teachers, an Inspector and Secretary are paid, besides supporting a library that is only second to that of Queen's College. With this information if the rate payers think that the annual cost of the public schools is too great, let the cost by all means be reduced?

I would humbly offer the opinion that the school law should be so amended that any municipality should have it in its power to determine to what extent it would support its High School or Collegiate Institute as the case may be.

Apologizing for the great length of this communication,

I remain, yours truly,
J. WILSON.

March 9th, 1881.

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