

OUR SCHOOLS.

What the Inspector Has to Say of Them.

The annual report of the schools of the province for 1894 contains the report of Mr. F. B. Mengher, school inspector for this district. Below are extracts from his report.

ABERDEEN.—Of the ten districts in this parish all but two operated schools during the year. The few scattered residents in Kent Vale, No. 2, cannot maintain a school, and their children are obliged to walk some three miles or more to school in North Glassville, No. 3. The house in Glassville, No. 4, is not a credit to that flourishing village. A special meeting of the ratepayers should be held at an early date to discuss the advisability of erecting a suitable building.

BRIGHTON.—The average attendance in No. 2 was comparatively small last term. A first class teacher should be placed in charge here. At the close of the first term Mr. Kerr succeeded Mr. Hetherington as principal of the superior school at Hartland. A handsome commodious school house has been built in East Coldstream, No. 6, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

KENT.—It is pleasing to note that great progress has of late been made in this parish, is so far at least as the externals of education are concerned. A substantial school building is being erected in Johnville. The house in Mineral has been so thoroughly repaired as almost to deserve the name of new, and good modern furniture has been supplied for the school in the Moose Mountain district. A neat little school house has just been completed in the Demerchant settlement, and an effort will be made, in the face of factious opposition, to support a school this year. The school in Bath needs a first class male teacher. The house and appliances are not what one would expect to find in such a large village as this. A wave of economy has struck Bristol, and the services of the teacher of the primary department of the superior school there have been dispensed with. It is probable, however, that this department will be again open in the near future.

NORTHAMPTON.—The opening of a primary department in connection with the school in Grafton, No. 4, would greatly increase the effectiveness of the work. Harmony is seemingly restored in No. 6. No. 7 and No. 8 did not maintain schools regularly during the year. Kilmarnock, No. 11, a new district, supported a school during the first term.

PEEL.—Peel Station, No. 1, maintained school during one term only of the year. I trust, however, that a similar course will not be adopted in the future. The school in East Florenceville is well conducted by Miss Eva L. Gill. The average attendance at the time of my visit was forty. There is also a good school in Lower Gordonsville, No. 4. Oakland, No. 5, has not maintained a school since the first term of 1893. The school in No. 7 was closed part of last term on account of illness of the teacher, Miss Nettie Jones.

SIMONS.—Two flourishing districts, Nos. 1 and 2, for no valid reason, so far as I can ascertain, closed their schools during the second term. One of the best superior schools in this inspectorate is at Florenceville. Students from various parts of the county attend here to prepare for the Provincial Normal School, to which institution it is an important feeder. The principal, Mr. C. T. Hendry, carries out the responsible duties of his position with rare tact and energy. A new school house is badly needed in St. Thomas, district No. 6.

RICHMOND.—All the schools of this parish, with the exception of that in Monument, No. 11 A, were in operation during the first term. The house in Debec has a weather-beaten and dilapidated appearance. The trustees have assured me that all necessary repairs will be made in the spring. Good work is being done in No. 16 by Miss Bertie Harold. New furniture has been supplied for the school in Beckin Settlement. Miss Kathleen McIntyre takes a commendable interest in the welfare of her pupils in the school at McKenzie Corner. The fine maps drawn by them deserve praiseworthy mention. There is also a good school at Richmond Corner. The teacher is Mr. E. N. Drier.

WAKEFIELD.—Wakefield takes the lead of all the other parishes of this county in the efficient maintenance of schools. It contains fifteen districts, in fourteen of which school was operated during the year. The house in No. 1 has been repaired, painted and supplied with new furniture. Mr. William L. Tracy is now in charge of the large ungraded school at Victoria Corner. The enrolment here at the time of my visit was not so large as it has been in previous terms. Mr. Clinton H. Gray is still the principal of the superior school at Jacksonville, which contains two graded departments. The new district at Wakefield Centre continues to maintain school regularly. Miss Jennie Cadwallader, who has been giving general satisfaction here as a teacher, has been re-engaged for another year.

WICKLOW.—No school was in operation in No. 3 during the Second Term. When I visited this district in November last, the door of the school house was lying open, and evidences of neglect were abundant on all sides. The trustees should make some faint show, at least, of carrying out the important duties of their office. A very fine school house has just been completed in Upper Knoxford, No. 6. It is a credit to the district in every way. The school in Summer-ville is operated too irregularly for the pupils to make any progress. There is a good school in the Wakem district conducted by Miss Jessie Longstaff. The attendance has greatly fallen off at Royalton, No. 13. At the time of my last visit the enrolment was twenty-six and the average attendance fourteen. The average attendance at the school in No. 14, (Tracy's Mills), is seldom much in excess of fifty per cent. of the enrolment, which sometimes runs as high as fifty-eight. This is the largest ungraded school in the Parish.

WILMOT.—During the past year the school in Lakeville has been prospering under the control of Miss A. Comben, a capable and energetic teacher. New furniture has been provided here, but the house needs to be considerably enlarged. The school in the Palmer Settlement has been reopened. It is to be hoped that less changes will be made in the personnel of the teaching staff of the Superior School at Centreville this year.

WOODSTOCK.—The schools in the town of Woodstock are maintaining their usual state of efficiency. The principal, Mr. G. H. Harrison, M. A., is filling that office very acceptably to all concerned. Mr. Harrison is being ably seconded by Mr. Frank A. Good, the teacher of the Advanced Department of the Broadway School. I trust that ere long the unsightly and unserviceable college building will cease to be used for school purposes, and that a structure will be erected in its stead, which will be a credit to the metropolis of the garden county of the Province. This year the Primary Department of the graded school at Upper Woodstock will be discontinued. This is to be regretted as the efficiency of the school will be thereby greatly impaired. In consequence of the change, the Principal, Mr. Chas. McLean, and Miss Georgie Good, the teacher of the Primary Department, retired at the close of the Second Term. Reference was made in my last annual report to the character of Mr. McLean's work, and nothing further need be said here. Miss Good was well liked and conducted her department very satisfactorily. At the close of the public examination in December, both teachers were made the recipients of handsome presents by their pupils.

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The Green Demon.

At the Academy of Medicine in Paris, M. Lancreaux said that absinthe was causing not only the ruin of health but of families. The oils secreted in this pernicious liquor reached the brains of its votaries, made them epileptic and tuberculous, and paved the way to the depopulation and impoverishment of the country. Other authorities on the subject say that the peril is increasing every day, and that the outlook for France is sad sombre, for the mortality caused by absinthe and kindred poisons is far more extensive than any brought about by the most terrible epidemics, in order to do something towards lessening this ever-growing evil, the Council-General of the Seine have decided to found a home for inebriates in the department. This will not, however, be sufficient, and a more sweeping measure is called for by medical men, who insist upon the necessity of closing some of the assommoirs, which are becoming too numerous inside and around Paris and also in country towns. The home for inebriates, by the way, is quite an innovation in this country, for it has hitherto been the custom to send hopeless drunkards into the ordinary asylums. Some of those who have sounded the alarm have also been pointing out the dangers of indulgence in wine, which they would prefer to see replaced by water; but they will have considerable difficulty in making their fellow-countrymen—who, as a rule, are not in favour of total abstinence—adopt in their view. No associations of abstainers from alcoholic beverages exist in France; but there are two temperance societies, one of which, that of the Blue Cross, has M. Leon for its honorary president.

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The Nervous System.

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A New Departure.

Lord Rosebery and Lord Herschell, Lord High Chancellor, will introduce in Parliament after recess a bill to enable colonial judges to sit in the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

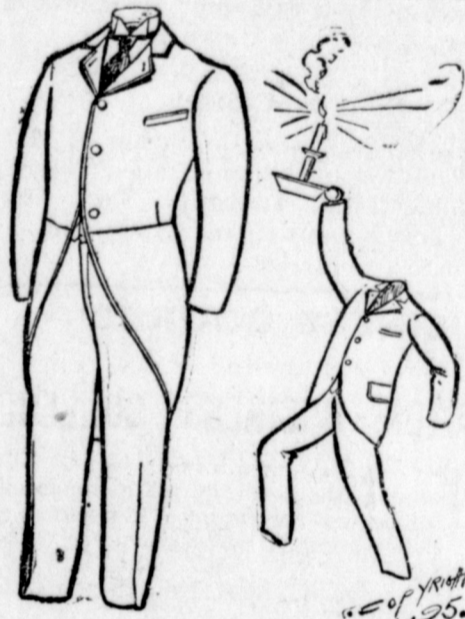
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New Speaker.

Mr. Gully has been elected speaker in the Imperial Parliament by a small majority, in the place of Peel who resigned. The Times says: "It is scarcely probable the life of parliament will extend beyond the period Mr. Gully will require to master the technicalities of the complicated system to which he is practically a stranger. When dissolution comes he will be still a novice. Neither his proposer nor seconder ever claimed he possessed the necessary knowledge for the Speakership. Sir William Vernon Harcourt's avoidance of the question of Mr. Gully's fitness was doubtless dictated by prudence."

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