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DECEMBER 20, 1878.

CITY SCHOOLS.

Christmas Examinations.

WORKING OF THE GRADED SYSTEM—TEACHERS, PUPILS AND VISITORS.

The inspection of City schools, held annually a few days before the joyful holiday season of Christmas, took place to-day. Among the visitors were noted Mr. Chief Justice Palmer, Hon. Senator Haviland, Hon. A. A. McDonald, Hon. L. H. Davies, Hon. B. Davies, Hon. W. D. Stewart, His Worship Mayor Dawson, Councillor Beer, Professor Anderson, Thomas Handrahan, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hodgson, Mrs. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Hales, Dr. Taylor, Wm. McKechnie, Esq., Messrs. David Small, Fredk Curtis, D. McKenzie and many others—showing an intelligent and gratifying interest in the education of the youth of the City. Many of the class rooms were, in view of the festive season, tastefully decorated with evergreens; and we were pleased to notice, on several desks, appropriate Christmas gifts of the pupils to their respective teachers.

QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL.

In this School, formerly known as St. Patrick's School, there are six grades.

Mr. Peter Curran (Principal of the School), has charge of the sixth or highest class. To-day the class numbered 22. Under examination in English History, by the teacher, the pupils answered the questions put fairly well; but when asked by one of the Trustees the meaning of the word "bribery," they were silent. Reading, indistinct and too fast. This class does not seem to be very well in hand.

Mr. Thomas Curran's class occupies the fifth grade. Present to-day 29; daily average 28. Reading fair—but showing a want of attention to punctuation and sense. Under examination in English History, by the teacher, the pupils answered the questions put fairly well; but when asked by one of the Trustees the meaning of the word "bribery," they were silent. Reading, indistinct and too fast. This class does not seem to be very well in hand.

Mr. Michael W. Smith's class has the third grade. The class is a large and very intelligent one, and is evidently kept well in hand. The boys read—both simultaneously and individually—very well indeed. The spelling was also—considering the ages of the boys—excellent. Mr. Smith is a careful and successful teacher. Present, 48.

Mr. R. C. McDonald has charge of the second and first, or two lowest grades. He has a fine class. Good order prevails. Present 44.

Queen's Square school is for boys only. The schoolrooms are very good, and the apparatus fair. A re-adjustment of teachers is, we think, needed to render it as successful as a city school should be. The boys seem to have the right stuff in them.

EAST KENT STREET SCHOOL.

This is a mixed school. But some of the classes are all boys. That of the Principal, Mr. Miller, is one of these. E. J. Hodgson, Esq., presented this class with the following motto:—

"Aut discas, aut dices; Manet sors tertia credi."

"Either learn or depart—a third lot remains, to be punished." The dunces, we judge, have all departed. At all events, only learners were present to-day. The class was submitted to an exhaustive examination in English History by E. J. Hodgson, Esq.; and the boys acquitted themselves brilliantly. They all seem to be running for the gold medal; and, we should judge, they all deserve it. Mr. Miller is one of the best of teachers, and he has a picked class. Present, 36. At the close of the exercise, Mr. Miller was presented with elegantly bound volumes of the poems of Byron and Burns, accompanied with the following

ADDRESS:

DEAR SIR,—We, the pupils of your school, at this happy season of the Christmas holidays, before taking leave of you for a short time, beg to wish you a happy Christmas and a pleasant and prosperous New Year. We are thankful to you for the care and at-

ention you have bestowed upon us in your public duties, and we believe that we have greatly profited by them; and if not, that it has not been your fault. As a small token of our respect and esteem, we beg to present you with the accompanying books.

We remain, Yours, very obediently and sincerely, On behalf of the school, ROBERT PALMER, FRANK BEER, ARTHUR HALES.

Mr. Joseph D. Seaman has the next class, in the sixth grade. In arithmetic the boys of this class are very quick and clever. Present, 34; daily average, do.

Miss Annie Gregor controls the fine class of boys formerly taught by Miss McKinnon. Our reporter did not hear it examined. Present, 34; daily average, do.

Miss Eliza Lawson's class exhibited the result of careful teaching. Reading and recitation excellent. Singing pretty good. A lesson in geography was well given. Present 46; daily average about the same.

Miss Isabella Miller has the youngest and, perhaps, most interesting class of this school.

ROCHFORD SCHOOL

in Scott's Hall has, for its Principal, Mr. A. A. McKenzie—a veteran teacher. But 17 of his class were present to-day; the average attendance is about 20. A sentence was being thoroughly analyzed while our reporter was present.

Miss Mary F. Cox's class comes next in order. Reading—simultaneous and individual—pretty good, but rather fast. Present, 22. Some nice gifts were exhibited on the teacher's desk—showing that she has the esteem of her pupils. This classroom was prettily decorated.

Miss Alice Fennessy's classroom was also tastefully decorated. In reading, Miss Fennessy's class excels, and, in writing, the copy-books show that her pupils are careful and rapidly improving. We are not surprised to learn that Miss Fennessy is high in the esteem of the trustees and her pupils. Some very appropriate Christmas gifts adorned her desk.

Miss Ada Wadman's class—a mixed one—is well in hand. Reading decidedly good. Present 35. On the roll 55.

We regret that, for want of time, our reporter was unable to visit Miss Annie Lawson's large and most interesting class. Number on the roll 100.

UPPER PRINCE STREET SCHOOL.

This is a school of which any city might be proud. Its situation is excellent. The teachers have been carefully selected and the pupils are very intelligent.

Miss Annie L. Smith is the teacher of the highest grade in this school. Under her tuition are forty-six young ladies. Examined in Natural Philosophy, they answered readily and intelligently. A simultaneous reading was perfect in its rendition. Singing very good indeed.

Miss C. C. Snaddon has 50 girls under her tuition. A good class. Our reporter regrets that he had not time to listen to the examination.

Miss Lizzie D. Moore has a class of 70 girls. A very well ordered class.

Miss Emma Barr has a class of 65 girls, whose recent progress sustains her high reputation.

Miss Emily Gregor has a class of fifty pupils.

Miss Maria Lawson's girls and boys number 59. A fine class, and evidently a painstaking and thorough teacher.

Miss Bessie Mitchell has the names of thirty-two girls and thirty-two boys on her register.

Miss M. McLeod teaches the young ideas of 49 boys and 54 girls. Total, 103.

Mr. J. M. Duncan has a fine class of fifty boys.

Vesuvius and Aetna seem to be waking like giants from sleep. The inhabitants of a town in the Province of Catania, in which is Mount Aetna, were alarmed by continued shocks of earthquakes and by underground noises for four or five days. They left their houses and the town itself in the middle of the night, and ran to the open country outside of the gates. Vesuvius had given signs of agitation for several weeks, and the seer who lives as near the crater as it is safe to stay, daily reports its condition. On the 1st of November the lava rose over the rim of the old crater, and began to descend on the cone between the ridges left by the eruption of 1872. Visitors can now see the fire without approaching the crater, and the mountain is beautiful. A long and broad red band of fire may be seen on the upper part of the cone, while the rest of it is covered with snow. The contrast is singularly beautiful, and many persons go to Naples to see it. It is hoped that the eruption will not increase, as the cup of disaster would overflow if this misfortune were added to those already suffered from storms and inundations. It is curious how the sides of Vesuvius are cultivated and inhabited. Although the people constantly see Pompeii and Herculaneum, they take no warning from their fate, but build towns and let their vineyards creep boldly up the side of the volcano until they reach the cinders of the crater.—*Cor. N. Y. Evening Post.*

THE SOURIS MYSTERY.

Was Edward Lyons Murdered?

AN INDIAN'S STORY.

At the end of the month of October, Souris and the surrounding country was thrown into a fever of excitement over the mysterious disappearance of Edward Lyons, a well-to-do farmer, who resided at the head of Souris River. The facts of the case, as developed at that time, were:—About 10 o'clock on the night of Saturday, the 26th October, Mr. Lyons, who was a good deal under the influence of liquor, left Souris on horseback for home. On Sunday morning his family were startled by the arrival home of his horse, riderless and without any saddle. The day passed and the missing man did not turn up. Near his house are two millponds, one of which belonged to him. Fearing that he might have stopped at one of these to water his horse and fallen in, they were both drained, but no trace of him could be discovered. The whole country between his house and Souris village was also searched, with a like unsuccessful result. A few days later the missing saddle was found floating in Souris harbor, but how it came there is yet unexplained. Mr. Lyons had been drinking very heavily for some days previous to his disappearance, and had about \$70 on his person when he left Souris. Hints were current that he met with foul play; but the more popular supposition was, that by some means the girths of his saddle broke and he was precipitated into the river, when he was unable to save himself, and his body was carried out to sea.

Various searches were made for the body of Lyons by his grief-stricken family and friends, but in vain. No tidings of him could be found. The people of Souris still had strong suspicions that he had been foully dealt with; and when, a month ago, a story to the effect that he was murdered came from the Indian camps at Rollo Bay, a breeze of excitement was created which lasted till a few days ago, when it was refreshed by the repetition of the same story in Souris.

An Indian named Thomas Abraham, who slept at the house of William Willis, on Souris Beach, on the night of the 25th of October, relates the following story to his sister: Late that night he obtained lodging at the house of William Willis, on the beach. Later in the night a man, whom he recognized as Edward Lyons, of the head of Souris River, entered and asked for a drink of water. Mrs. Willis gave him the water and when he drank he lay down on the floor and fell asleep. Shortly after he began to sleep, Mrs. Willis searched his pockets and took from one of them a large wallet. After taking the wallet she went to the bedroom where her husband was lying, and they conversed for some time. She returned from the room when the conversation ended and ordered the Indian to go up stairs to bed. He did so, and when he had been in bed a short time a terrible noise arose in the house, which continued at intervals for the greater part of the night. The Indian was dreadfully frightened and did not sleep any. He got up early the following morning and left the house. Before he left he could not see any signs of Lyons.

The Indian Abraham related this story to his sister, in Souris, the day after the occurrence. She, as well as he, kept the matter secret until last month, when she repeated the story in Rollo Bay, and again in Souris a few days ago. Thomas Abraham is a very intelligent-looking Indian, about thirty-five years of age. He resides at present in Cardigan.

William Willis is a laboring man, apparently about fifty years of age. His wife is some years younger. They reside in a wretched looking house on Souris beach, near the old Railway depot. Before the disappearance of Lyons—it has been remarked by the people of Souris—Willis and his wife lived almost devoid of the necessities of life. Since the disappearance of Lyons they have been living comfortable, and have purchased large quantities of flour, tea, etc., for which they have paid "ready cash." They keep a house of questionable reputation, which is frequented by a gang of rough characters.

We learn that a warrant has been issued by the authorities in Souris to search the house and premises of Willis. The search was to be made yesterday, but as yet we have not heard a report of its success.

It is unlawful for any saloon-keeper in the Province of Manitoba to allow a lad under sixteen to enter on his premises to drink, or play billiards, bagatelle, or any other game. The fine for every offence against the law in this respect is \$50, and on the third conviction the saloon-keeper loses his license.

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Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1878—2w 2aw

SPECIAL

Latest News From Abroad!

FOR the last two weeks the daily papers have interested many as to the Afghan War. England has been and will be victorious. Our Queen has met with a sad loss in the death of Princess Alice. The murder trial, known as the McCarthy-Osborne, is ended. New discoveries of copper in Newfoundland and Mr. George Millner's mineral deposit at Morell are surprising the world, especially the latter, as all geologists, from Professor Hinds down, agree that no minerals will be found near the surface on P. E. I. Water powers are being secured for the manufacture of starch, sugar, &c.; and See See Jones, still lives, and his Tubular Wells can't be pumped dry, and his Combination Barrel Pump don't freeze. He is sinking wells at Hunter River, Fredericton, County Line, Bedeque and Summerside, and his "Cheap Opposition" is played out. Messrs. Millner, Hamm, Roper, Balderson, McLaine, and all the rest of you, look at this and smile.

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A. C. STEWART, Secretary Central Committee. Georgetown, King's County, Dec. 19, '78—2i

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