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Rev. & Dear Sir,

I acknowledge thankfully
your last kind letter -

I hope to be in Montreal for a few hours
on or near May 14th - I will call on you about
noon - by wh. hour I suppose yr lectures are
done - of course you will not stay in for me -

I hope you will not criticise my hobby as
regards the Normal School too severely -

I send you a leader in the Can. Ill'd News
anent my book - γοῦνις κῶι περὶ τῆς τῆς αὐτῶν
ἔρετᾶς ἀξιοῦσι - I value it the more as I did
not write it myself, as I did a review severely
handing the book, in the St. Johns News! The Bp
of Queb, Mr Hencker, Hon Davine, Mr Lynch, & Dr Cameron
I know to be in favour of authorising it - & it
alone - The 2nd edition of it will I hope be much
better still -

A fine fellow John Rogers from Franklin matricu-
lates - or tries to - next term at McGill - He is an ad-
vanced classic - I am yr obt servt

F. C. Emerson

The enclosed scraps may interest you -

ment I had brought for the sick, and their eyes brighten in hopes that it can save their little one can never be forgotten. But alas! the little thing, nine months old, died next day, and I had to put it on top of the house till I could get some boards to make a box for it. I had a pretty hard time myself, but when I looked at the poor Icelanders, I felt as if I were a king, though I had to sleep on a bed made of hay. Nobody but one has a strong stomach could have eaten what I did this winter, unless it was one of the Icelanders themselves. In one hour a woman asked me to have some coffee, I said yes, as the day was cold. So while I was making up some medicine for a poor boy, what do you think I saw the woman do? She no doubt thought that the cups were not clean enough for me, so she licked the round with her tongue, and then took a towel, as black as it could be without a bit of black cloth, and dried it with it, then gave it to me to drink out of. A sight for a man that wanted a drink to warm him. But I could tell you worse than

MISCELLANEOUS.

Captain Crompton, of the barque *Star* at wall Jackson, which has arrived at *Yamatama*, writes home that a portion of the crew had a narrow escape from being taken prisoners by a number of cannibals on the 2d December last. He states that on that day, the wind being light and the sea the ship lying within three miles of *Island*, lat. 8.30 S., long. 125 E., but one of the boats to be got out of the water. The second mate, a party of eight men went in the boat, and on returning, and finding no signs of life,

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mingford was held in the Town Hall on Monday. Present: Commissioners Glover, Brown, Reay, Roberts, and Kinny. After some routine business, passing accounts and engaging a teacher, an animated and interesting discussion took place, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the following resolutions be adopted for future regulation of Commissioners, school managers, teachers, and ratepayers:

1st. In future, when practicable, such desks and interior arrangements for schools, as suggested by the Inspector, be adopted.

2nd. That, in future, the Summer vacation commence on July 1st, unless valid reasons be given commissioners in favor of some other period.

3rd. That schools shall not be opened for tuition on Saturdays.

4th. That after 1st July next, when a teacher is required in any district, the manager of such district shall call a meeting of the ratepayers, who may select a teacher, arrange length of term and amount of salary, after which the manager shall report the wishes of the ratepayers to the commissioners, through their Secretary Treasurer, for ratification. No teacher to commence teaching school till the sanction of the board is obtained. This resolution is adopted to comply with the law, the old system prevailing being illegal, the board having been notified of that fact by the Inspector.

5th. That as it is eminently desirable to secure the services of good teachers for as long a period as possible, the commissioners endeavor to do so, and, by stated and regular examination of every school in the township, they hope to acquire a knowledge

of each teacher's acquirements and success in teaching, and promote them accordingly.

The chairman, Dr. Glover, reported that he presented, as requested by the commissioners, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a petition to the municipal council, asking for \$1,000 of the Seigniorial Indemnity fund to assist in building a model school for the township, and further reported that the municipal council resolved to leave it to the ratepayers to decide whether or not said petition should be granted, and instructed their Secretary to call a public meeting of the ratepayers for such purpose.

The chairman then read the following letter from the Government Inspector:

To the Chairman of School Commissioners, Hemmingford

DEAR SIR,—I take occasion of the excellent remarks on page 12 of the "circulaire du surintendant de L'Instruction publique," recently issued by the department of Education, to call your attention to the state of your school in the village of Hemmingford. It is in a damp, unhealthy position. The shape renders it impossible so to arrange the seats as not seriously to hamper and injure the efforts of your excellent teacher. Stone walls without any furring inside are surely bad for the health of the unfortunate occupants. The whole appearance of the school is most uninviting. I cannot express how strongly I feel the disgrace to your important municipality of having such a school in its chef-lieu. I hope your whole neighborhood will have sufficiently advanced views, and wise (and in the end economical) liberality, to build a school-house worthy of the model school which it is the obvious duty of the commissioners to establish in your rising little village. It will be an advantage to the whole surrounding country.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. C. EMBERSON, Inspector.

It was then moved by Com. Reay, seconded by Com. Kinny, and unanimously carried, that the commissioners do hereby resolve to build a model school for the township, and that if the public vote be against the council's giving the \$1,000, the commissioners, as the law allows, and the Government urges, do raise the necessary funds by a tax on the town of \$1,000.

MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

At the suggestion of a chairman of one of the township Boards of School Commissioners, a meeting of the School Commissioners of the west end of Huntingdon was held in the County Building on Thursday afternoon. Dundee, St. Anicet, Godmanchester, Elgin, Hinchinbrook and Huntingdon were represented, there being some 30 gentlemen, connected with the management of schools, present. The object of the meeting was to discuss the state of education in this section and consider any suggestions as to its improvement. Dr. Cameron, M.P.P., was to have taken the chair, but, being unavoidably absent, Principal McGregor was called upon to fill it. The business of the meeting was introduced by Inspector Emberson, who read a report of the schools and suggested the points in which they ought to be improved. His report is as follows :

In presenting a report of your schools, I am happy to state they are quite up to the average of—if not superior to—the schools in other parts of my district.

Their excellence varies pretty exactly, in the different municipalities, with the extent to which they are visited by the commissioners (in accordance with the Act) and with the amount of salaries given.

I report gladly that Huntingdon Academy seems to have a repute everywhere second to none here.

My acquaintance with the history of every academy in the Province makes me know that the success of each depends on its Principal. I have no doubt but that the Directors of the Academy ought to be merged into the School Commissioners, and form one board of five members; that the Principal's salary should be fixed, and not fluctuate with the fees; that the schools should be graded; that the pupil teacher system should be tried, whereby the school would be made a sort of normal school; that the pianos should be moved into a separate building, and that the playground should be fenced.

Trouble has arisen in our neighborhood from the use of a ruler for punishment.

** 3/4 of the Commissioners of the whole County.*

After this report had been read, the subjoined series of resolutions were moved, and, after some debate, adopted one by one, all unanimously except the last. There was a free interchange of opinion, which will have a good effect.

- 1st. That Secretary-Treasurers be authorised to purchase taws and issue them to every school to take the place of rulers.
2. That each treasurer procure a box of "stick chalk" and a gallon of slating for blackboards, and divide them among his schools.
3. That it is desirable as opportunity offers that desks be got for all schools after the approved modern fashion, such that two scholars sit at each desk facing the teacher, and such that the front of each forms the back to the seat of the one in front of it, and that these desks be made of brown ash, oiled.
4. That summer vacation begin on July 1st, except where some unusual cause makes another time unavoidable, and continue not less than six weeks.
5. That schools should be closed every Saturday, both for the sake of those taught as well as of the teacher.
6. That school managers call a meeting in each district in March, and transmit the views of the meeting to the Secretary-Treasurer, and that those views be before a meeting of commissioners to engage or re-engage teachers held before May 1st.
7. That, where at all possible, it is best to re-engage the same teacher for a school, even in the teeth of some few reasons to the contrary.
8. That, as this meeting thinks that much reform is needed in the doings of the Montreal Board of Examiners for granting teachers' diplomas, and in particular that the standard of examination be raised, and that said standard be made uniform all over the Province.
9. That elementary book-keeping should be required as a subject for examination to obtain a teacher's diploma.

After a vote of thanks to the Inspector and Chairman, the Commissioners present to the number of twenty-three, retired to Mr Moir's Hotel where a tea was provided for them by the Inspector.

and it is not to be expected he will be cajoled under any pretence into paying more for any article he wants at the village store or tradesmen shop in order that manufacturers may obtain larger profits or give employment to additional employees. In retaliation, the farmers might insist on other classes, by income tax or otherwise, paying a fairer proportion of the country's revenue, so that the condition of manufacturers would be worse than it is now.

LAST week we gave a few extracts from the seditious speech delivered by the Fenian Luby at Toronto on St. Patrick's day. At Quebec an almost equally obnoxious address was delivered. At the concert of the St. Patrick's Institute a Dr. Jennings is reported to have said :

Think of those who still linger in the prisons of England, and last, though not least, on that gentleman, scholar, and patriot, Colonel John O'Mahoney, who devoted the long years of his life in unswerving devotion to his native land. Let our prayers accompany him to the throne of the Almighty, whither his soul has so lately taken her flight, to lay at the feet of a just God the tale of his country's wrongs and to pray Him to hasten the hour of her freedom..... But one remedy exists for all our evils. Seven centuries of misrule should be sufficient to prove that Englishmen are incapable of governing us. Let us now try the results of Ireland governed by the Irish. Let us struggle with all our soul to regain the rights of which we have been unjustly deprived. Let us know no rest until our country is free.

Here we have the wretched O'Mahoney, who incited rebellion both in Ireland and Canada, lauded in terms which are as blasphemous as they are seditious and revolt recommended as the highest patriotism. Let the Irish Catholics of the Dominion consider the unhappy position in which such utterances as these place them. Their fellow-citizens see them celebrate their national festival by denunciations of England, by bringing a Fenian over from the States to address them, by cheering his most violent utterances, and by placing their organ in this Province in the charge of a Home Ruler, and if, seeing all this, they look with suspicion upon them, who is to blame but the Irish Catholics themselves? If they desire to be consider-

them.

In one school-house I noticed the lamentable absence of any vestige of desk, table, or chair for the teacher. This argues gross and barbarous neglect on the part of the school managers.

For vacation, the hot harvest months of July and August are universally allowed to be best. If in any other month a school be closed, the Inspector may pass it on his tour and be obliged to leave it unvisited and the best scholars unrewarded with prizes.

It is suggested that Summer Vacation begin on July 1st, except where some unusual cause makes another time unavoidable. I may mention that in small schools kept open a shorter time, I have observed the average advancement of scholars to be above that in larger schools, open longer in the year. This suggests the fact that ten months seems in all cases long enough for a school to be kept open in the year. Land does not always lose by lying fallow. For similar reasons it is proposed, that schools should be closed every Saturday, both for the sake of those taught as well as of the teacher.

In two of the worst schools of the district no recess was given, morning or afternoon. The school managers should have seen to this.

By keeping school open ten months, larger salaries can in some cases be paid to the teachers. The excellence of the teachers in a municipality will vary with the salaries given them pretty ex-