

EDUCATION COMMISSION.

MR. STANTON EXAMINED.

The Education Commission met at Parliament House on Friday morning. Present—The Chairman (Mr. Ryan, M.P.), Minister of Education (Hon. F. W. Conybeare), and the Hon. A. W. Styles, M.L.C. The first instalment of the evidence of Mr. L. W. Stanton (Secretary to the Minister of Education and to the Education Department), was taken. The witness said he had been 28 years in the Education Department, and was its oldest officer.

The Chairman said the commission had been dealing with the higher branches of education, but Parliament had extended the scope of the enquiry to all branches, so that its work was that day really beginning in earnest. During the 40 years the education administration had worked from what might be called "government by family gatherings" to an almost Napoleonic rule, back to a board of inspectors, then to "an imitative system of military rule," which had been replaced by "the present method of government, presumably by the Director of Education." The commission desired to again put that system in the melting pot, and wished to know from the long experience of the witness whether he thought it best that the present system should remain, be patched up, or eliminated, and to give his views on the introduction of a form of divisional control.

The witness outlined the history of the present education system from the institution of the council in 1875, followed by the control of Mr. J. A. Hartley, subsequently by a board of three members, and later by the Director of Education. Government by a board would not be a success in a large department, with many possible elements of discord. It needed one man at the head, who should do more than exercise a general control over the different subdivisions; but it was impossible for one man to master all the details of all departments. Divisional officers should preside over primary, secondary, and technical education, but these should not have the right of direct communication with the Minister, but only through the Director-General.

By the Hon. A. W. Styles—He thought the present Director of Education occupied himself too much with details, and that better work could be done if the divisional officers were given such direction as he had outlined. The system he had suggested, would secure some uniformity of administration and minimize delay.

The Chairman—You are satisfied that the government of the Education Department by one man—Napoleon or Cesar, as the case may be—is preferable to government by a board?—Yes.

Is it not that one man has had a semblance of authority, and other men have done the work?—No; I think Napoleon has had full sway all the time.

The witness thought only one man should have access to the Minister, and objected to Mr. Ryan's suggestion of a board, consisting of an Inspector-General or Director of Education, one expert each in technical, primary, and secondary education, and four departmental men, each with supervision of administration in certain areas. He preferred that one man should have access to the Minister rather than one for each of the three departments named.

Chairman—He is to be the embodiment of the trinity?—Yes.

Have you seen such a man in your long experience?—I can't say that I have; but our population is small. It would be to the advantage of the Minister if there were a delegation of administrative duties in the department.

Witness said if a board of seven, similar to that, in Victoria, were put in control, as suggested by the Chairman, he would give it the right to deliberate, but the Inspector-General should have the last word. He had no objection to allowing a board of practical men more power in the advisory councils than existed to-day. If he were given a free hand in improving the system, he would begin with the improvement of buildings, an immense number of which were now poor and unsuitable. The teacher problem had been about met, except on the fringes of settlement.

The commission at this stage adjourned until a date to be fixed.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

November Examinations.

FACULTY OF LAW.

Results so far as regards Western Australian candidates in these subjects and awards (if any) of scholarships and prize will be announced later.

PROPERTY—PART I.

—In Order of Merit.—

- First Class.—Griffiths, Thomas Lester.
- Second Class.—Badger, Robert; Jones, Doris Egerton; Reed, Geoffrey Sandford; Moody, Harold Eric; Pyne, William Ewart; Blackburn, Arthur Seaforth; Tucker, Reginald Mervyn.
- Third Class.—Healy, Kevin John, and Mellor, Thomas Reginald (equal); Sweeney, John Grant; Millhouse, Eric William John; Marshall, George Steel.

THEORY OF LAW AND LEGISLATION.

—In Order of Merit.—

- First Class.—Norman, William Ashley.
- Second Class.—Hannan, Albert James, B.A.; Whittington, Louis Arnold; Ferruson, Angus Sallier; Schulz, Frederick Ballfour; Giles, Mortimer.
- Third Class.—Jones, Doris Egerton; Yuill, George Ashwin.

ROMAN LAW.

—In Order of Merit.—

- First Class.—Whittington, Louis Arnold.
- Second Class.—Norman, William Ashley; Hannan, Albert James, B.A.; Schulz, Frederick Ballfour; Campbell, Donald; Pinch, Allan Love.
- Third Class.—Ferruson, Angus Sallier, B.A.; Yuill, George Ashwin.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

—In Order of Merit.—

- First Class.—Badger, Robert.
- Second Class.—Griffiths, Thomas Lester; Blackburn, Arthur Seaforth; Sweeney, John Grant.
- Third Class.—Abbott, Charles Arthur Hillas Lempiere, and Reed, Geoffrey Sandford (equal); Moody, Harold Eric; Millhouse, Eric William John; Rollison, William Alexander; Joyner, Max Frederick.

BOARD OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES.

BUSINESS PRACTICE.

—In Alphabetical Order.—

- Division I.—Wauchope, James George.
- Division II.—Baker, Westfield Wallace; Morphett, Archie Harold; Ponder, Gilbert Walter Graham; Williams, John Carter; Yuill, James Anderson.
- Division III.—Bayly, William Lawes; Bathgate, John Pender; Bradley, Hubert Charles; Bungey, Ernest; Creswell, John; Jones, Frank Longhurst; Nield, Arthur Restarick; Porter, Christopher Charlton; Waterhouse, Frederick Edward; Wheeler, Horace Roseby.

ACCOUNTANCY.

—In Alphabetical Order.—

- Division I.—None.
- Division II.—Hodge, Randolph Gordon Clare; Sando, Herbert Hillman.
- Division III.—Brown, Leonard Swtoll; Harris, Russell Hope; Malone, John Stephen; Moyes, Charles Robert; Needham, George Francis Jack.

COMMERCIAL LAW.

—In Alphabetical Order.—

- Division I.—Bridgman, William; Featherstone, Leslie Williams.
- Division II.—Bayly, William Lawes; Bungey, Ernest; Calder, William Cormack; Goode, Roger Britten; Howie, George Percival; Needham, George Francis Jack; Neuenkirchen, Hermann Adolph Heinrich; Torr, Kenneth Montrose; Wauchope, James George; Williams, John Carter; Wyles, Thomas Andrew.
- Division III.—Chappel, Herbert Horace; Creswell, John; French, David George; Geray, Stanley Leo; Harris, Russell Hope; Heath, Louis Alfred; Hogben, Horace Cox; Howard, Normanby Holman; Hummel, Herbert Whitsey; Morris, Herbert Lancelot; Nield, Arthur Restarick; Ponder, Gilbert Walter Graham; Porter, Christopher Charlton; Smith, Leslie Samuel; Tassie, Eric Harry; Wastell, Nigel Fletcher; Wylie, Eric Thomas; Young, Thomas Andrew; Yuill, James Anderson.

ECONOMICS I.

- Divisions I. and II.—None.
- Division III. (In alphabetical order).—Calder, William Cormack; Hendry, Campbell Alexander; Neuenkirchen, Hermann Adolph Heinrich; Solly, Hubert Ambrose; Turner, Percy; Wylie, Eric Thomas.

COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY.

None passed.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

Higher Public Examination, 1911.

A.—HONOUR LIST.

N.B.—In the honour lists the number in parentheses indicates what would be the position of the candidate if the under-age and over-age lists were combined and arranged in one list in order of merit.

GENERAL HONOUR LIST.

The following is the order of merit of candidates who have distinguished themselves in the whole examination:—

—Candidates under 19 years of age.—

- 1 (1), Morey, A. W., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 2 (2), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont; 3 (3), Yates, D., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 4 (4), Riley, F. B., Perth High School; 5 (5), Jury, C. R., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 6 (6), Lucraft, H. S., Scotch College, Claremont; 7 (7), Thompson, E. J. T., Scotch College, Claremont; 8 (8), Burgess, F. M., Scotch College, Claremont; 9 (9), Craig, C., Scotch College, Claremont; 10 (10), Southwood, A. R., Prince Alfred College; 11 (11), Black, G. H., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 12 (12), Dorsch, E. G., Prince Alfred College; 13 (13), O'Neill, S., Adelaide High School; 14 (14), Webb, J. N., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 15 (15), Moyes, A. G., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 16 (16), Berriman, R. H., Prince Alfred College; 17 (17), Cairns, H. W. B., Adelaide High School; 18 (18), Mellows, E. J., Scotch College, Claremont; 19 (19), O'Malley, E. A., Sacred Heart College, Largs Bay; 20 (20), Scouler, M. A., Scotch College, Claremont; 21 (21), Sharman, E. O., Methodist Ladies' College, Wayville; 22 (22), Somerville, H. N., Adelaide High School; 23 (23), Grant, R. L. T., Queen's School, North Adelaide; 24 (24), Maddern, C. B., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 25 (25), Rooney, J. D., Prince Alfred College; 26 (26), Richards, E. G., Adelaide High School; 27 (27), Callimane, W. P., Christian Brothers' College, Perth; 28 (28), Goodman, C. W., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 29 (29), Hall, E. M. M., Loreto Ladies' College, Norwood.

—Candidates over 19 years of age.—

- (8), Appel, H. J., Christian Brothers' College, Perth; (11), Boor, A. P., Christian Brothers' College, Perth; (28), Evans, H. J., Scotch College, Claremont.

ANGAS ENGINEERING EXHIBITION.

Yates, D., St. Peter's Collegiate School.

SPECIAL HONOUR LISTS.

—1. English Literature.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1, Jury, C. R. (Tennison medal), St. Peter's Collegiate School; 2, McGlew, P. D., Toomere House, and Sanders, L., Methodist Ladies' College, Wayville, equal; 4, Rowley, W. E., Perth Modern School.

—2a. Modern History.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Lucraft, H. S., Scotch College, Claremont; 2 (2), Riley, F. B., Perth High School; 3 (3), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont.

(Candidate over 19 years of age.)

- (4), Oldham, W., Balaklava Public School.

—2b. Ancient History.—

(Candidate under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), DeBann, A. J., Christian Brothers' College, Perth.

(Candidates over 19 years of age.)

- (2), Appel, H. J., Christian Brothers' College, Perth, and Boor, A. P., Christian Brothers' College, Perth, equal.

—3. Greek.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Craig, C., Scotch College, Claremont; 2 (2), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont; 3 (3), Morey, A. W., St. Peter's Collegiate School.

(Candidate over 19 years of age.)

- (3), Appel, H. J., Christian Brothers' College, Perth.

—4. Latin.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Riley, F. B., Perth High School; 2 (2), Burgess, F. M., Scotch College, Claremont; 3 (3), Jury, C. R., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 4 (4), Craig, C., Scotch College, Claremont; 5 (5), Morey, A. W., St. Peter's Collegiate School, and Yates, D., St. Peter's Collegiate School, equal; 7 (7), Lucraft, H. S., Scotch College, Claremont; 8 (8), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont; 9 (9), Dorsch, E. G., Prince Alfred College.

—5. French.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Jury, C. R., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 2 (2), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont; 3 (3), Burgess, F. M., Scotch College, Claremont, and George, H. W. B., Scotch College, Claremont, equal.

(Candidate over 19 years of age.)

- (2), Hall, E. M. M., Loreto Ladies' College, Norwood.

—6. German.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Housfield, P. S., Prince Alfred College; 2 (2), Dorsch, E. G., Prince Alfred College.

(Candidate over 19 years of age.)

- (3), Hall, E. M. M., Loreto Ladies' College, Norwood.

—7. Pure Mathematics.—

(Candidates under 19 years of age.)

- 1 (1), Morey, A. W., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 2 (2), Yates, D., St. Peter's Collegiate School; 3 (3), Thompson, E. J. T., Scotch College, Claremont; 4 (4), Walker, R., Scotch College, Claremont; 5 (5), Berriman, R. H., Prince Alfred College.