

Education Department, N. B.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The attention of School Trustees and Teachers is directed to the following Official Notices.

I. THE SCHOOL MANUAL 1901.

The new School Manual has been mailed to Secretaries of School Boards and teachers in all districts in which schools were in operation during the last term. Manuals will be sent on application to any teacher or school trustee who has not been supplied.

II. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

In addition to the holidays hitherto allowed by Regulation, the Monday and Tuesday following Easter, and the day observed as Labor Day, shall be reckoned as holidays in all public schools. In districts in which Labor Day is not publicly observed, the schools may be kept in operation as on other teaching days, and in any such case the school may be closed for the term one day earlier. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor having proclaimed Saturday, February 2nd, as a public holiday, on account of the obsequies of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, the number of teaching days in the term ending June 30th, 1901, will thereby be reduced to 120 in country districts, and 119 in the City of St. John.—See Regulation 20.

III. EMPIRE DAY.

Thursday, May 23rd, is to be observed in all public schools as Empire Day.—See Regulation 47.

The recent death of our late beloved Queen renders it eminently fitting that Empire Day for the year 1901 shall be specially observed as VICTORIA MEMORIAL DAY. All the lessons and exercises of the schools on that day should have special reference to the progress of the Empire during the Victorian era; and to the gracious influences of the life and character of Victoria the Good upon the people of the British Empire, and of the world. Teachers are requested to consult with trustees in making careful preparation for the due observance of the day.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

(a) *Closing Examinations for License.*—The Closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, and at the Grammar School Buildings, in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 1901.

The English Literature required for First Class candidates is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and selections from Keats, Shelley, and Byron as found in Select Poems, used in High Schools.

(b) *Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class.*—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1901, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The requirements for the several classes will be found on pages 115 and 116 of the School Manual.

Candidates are required to give notice to the Inspector within whose inspectoral district they wish to be examined not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of one dollar must be sent to the Inspector with the application.

(c) *Leaving Examinations.*—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations.

These Examinations are based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X and XI.

The subjects for the Leaving Examinations shall consist of English Language, English Literature, History and Geography, Arithmetic and Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Botany and Agriculture, with any two of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Latin, Greek, French.—(Nine papers in all.)

(d) *Matriculation Examinations.*—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations. The Matriculation Examinations are also based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X and XI.

All candidates for Matriculation shall take the following subjects: Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, History and Geography, English Language, English Literature, Chemistry; also, either Greek or French and Natural History.

The attention of candidates for the Leaving Examinations is particularly directed to the changes made in the requirements. Hereafter the requirements for the Leaving Examinations will be equivalent to those of the Matriculation Examinations—both being based on the Syllabus for Grades IX, X and XI of the Grammar School Course, and so far as the subjects of the two examinations are common to both, the examination papers will be identical.

In case there are pupils in any of the High Schools or Grammar Schools who have been making preparation for the Leaving Examination on the Syllabus of former years, special arrangements will be made to meet their wishes, provided early application be made on their behalf.

All candidates for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations must send in their applications to the Inspector within whose inspectorate they propose to be examined, not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of two dollars must accompany each application. Forms of application may be obtained from the Inspectors or from the Education Office.

The English Literature Subjects for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations will be the same as for the First Class Candidates at the Closing Examinations.

The Department will supply the necessary stationery to the candidates at the July examinations, and all answers must be written upon the paper supplied by the Supervising Examiners.

In the June examinations the candidates will supply their own stationery.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examinations.

The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases. The Mathematical Paper will be based on Wentworth's Trigonometry and F. H. Stevens' Mensuration for Beginners.

(e) *High School Entrance Examinations.*—These examinations will be held at the several Grammar and other High Schools, beginning on Monday, June 17th, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Under the provisions of Regulation 46, question papers will be provided by the department. The principals of the Grammar and High Schools are requested to notify the Chief Superintendent not later than June 1st, as to the probable number of candidates.

For further details in regard to the Departmental Examinations see School Manual, Regulations 31, 32, 45 and 46.

Education Office,

J. R. INCH,

February 5th, 1901.

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