

sions of the old law which still applies to such unions as existed on the 2nd March, 1877; as to such, sec. 53 of the Act of 1874, is in force, but as to unions to be formed since the second of March last, the proportion in which the part in each municipality is to be liable to contribute for School expenditure is to be determined under the provisions of the 11th section of the Act of 1877.

5. In cases of any alteration or other changes in School sections situated within the same township, the township council has full power to deal with these under the 48th section of the Act of 1874, as amended by the 7th section of the Act of 1877. These sections will be found consolidated in the Revised Statutes, as sections 81 to 86 inclusive, and clearly express the legal requisites for any proceeding of this nature.

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Educational Department (Ontario),
Toronto, 7th November, 1877.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME AND INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

An Order-in-Council was issued on the 13th of November, ratifying certain changes in the High School programme, and the regulations under which the intermediate examination is held. The following are the changes in the programme:

LOWER SCHOOL.—French.—The Accidence and Principal Rules of Syntax; Exercises; De Fivas's Introductory French Reader; Voltaire, Chas. XII., Book VI.*; or Souvestre, Un Philosophe sous les toits; Re-translation of easy passages into French; Rudiments of Conversation.

Latin. The Accidence and the Principal Rules of Syntax and Prosody; Exercises; Caesar, Bellum Britannicum, and Virgil, Æneid, Book II. vv. 1—317; Learning by heart selected portions of Virgil; Re-translation into Latin of easy passages from Caesar.

English. Critical Reading of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" and Scott's "Lady of the Lake," for the last half of 1877. Candidates will be expected to show that they have read the whole of the latter poem, but the questions will be based mainly on Cantos III. and IV. For the former half of 1878, Goldsmith's "Traveller" and "Deserted Village" have been prescribed.

UPPER SCHOOL.—English Language.—Critical Reading of portions of the Works of Authors of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, to be prescribed from time to time by the Education Department. For the latter half of 1877, and the former half of 1878, Shakespeare's Tragedy of Macbeth and ten of Bacon's Essays† have been prescribed. Composition, Reading and Elocution; the subject generally, as far as required for Senior Matriculation with Honours in the University of Toronto.

Modern Languages.—(a) *French*; Grammar and Exercises; Souvestre, Un philosophe sous les toits; Corneille, Horace; Translation from English into French; Conversation; the other subjects required for Senior Matriculation with Honours.

(b) *German*; Grammar and Exercises; Musæus, Stumme Liebe; Schiller; Die Burgschaft, Der Taucher, and Der Neffe als Onkel; Translation from English into German; Conversation; the other subjects required for Senior Matriculation with Honours.

Ancient Languages.—(a) *Latin*; Grammar; Cicero, Pro Archia; Ovid, Fasti, Book I., exclusive of vv. 300-440; Horace, Odes, Book III.; Livy, Book IV., chaps 1-16; translation from English into Latin Prose, etc., as far as is required for Senior Matriculation with Honours.

(b) *Greek*; Grammar; Xenophon, Anabasis, Book I.; Homer, Iliad, Book VI., Odyssey, Book XII.; Demosthenes, Philippics I. and II.; the other subjects required for Senior Matriculation with Honours.

History and Geography.—(a) *History*; English, the special study of the Tudor, Stuart and Brunswick Periods; Roman, from the commencement of the Second Punic War to the death of Augustus; Grecian, from the Persian to the Peloponnesian War, both inclusive.

THE INTERMEDIATE.—At the Intermediate Examination papers will be set in English Grammar and Etymology, English Literature, Dictation, Composition, Arithmetic, Euclid, Algebra, Roman, English and Canadian History, Geography, Latin, French, German, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy and Book-keeping. No candidate must take more than one of the four optional departments referred to in IV. (2) at this examination. All candidates, whether male or female, must take Euclid.

Candidates who select Latin as their optional subject, and who may be reading Horace, Cicero, Livy, Ovid, or some book of Caesar or Virgil other than the one prescribed, with a view to a University or professional examination, need not be examined in Caesar at the Intermediate Examination, provided they satisfy the visiting Inspector that their knowledge of Latin is sufficient to justify him in accepting their work in that subject as equivalent thereto. All classical candidates will, however, be

examined in Virgil, Latin Grammar, and translation into Latin. Special stress will be laid on accuracy in Latin Grammar and Composition. No exemption granted during the previous half year will be valid unless renewed.

Although Music and Drawing will form no part of the Intermediate Examination in 1877, yet the schools in which these subjects are properly taught will receive credit therefor in the report on results of inspection referred to in III. (c) and (d) of the above.

The subjects will be grouped in the following manner:

[a] Arithmetic, Algebra and Euclid.

[b] English Grammar, Composition and Dictation.

[c] History, Geography and English Literature.

[d] Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Book-keeping; or Latin; or French; or German.

And candidates who obtain 40 per cent. of the total in each group, and not less than 20 per cent. in each subject, shall be considered as having passed the examination.

All the answers in each subject are to be read and the values assigned. While the passing is to be determined by these tests, the questions in each subject are to be framed by the Examiners, not with reference to any high standard for competitive examinations, but solely to show whether the pupil is qualified or not for the Upper School, having regard to his proficiency or deficiency in answering questions framed for this purpose in each test subject.

The Intermediate Examinations will be held in each year at the time fixed by the Department.

The Public School Inspectors and the persons appointed by them, with the approval of the Minister, or Deputy, to act as their substitutes in presiding at the Intermediate Examinations at High Schools, or in presiding in the additional rooms, shall be entitled to a fee of \$3 per day, and actual travelling expenses, to be paid by the High School Board. None may act as a substitute unless approved by the Minister, or Deputy.

In schools where separate rooms are occupied at the examination, the Examiner, in his report to the Department, will indicate the candidates who were placed in the several rooms respectively.

Should any candidate be detected in copying from another, or allowing another to copy from him, or taking into the room any books, notes, or anything from which he might derive assistance in the examination, or in talking or whispering, it shall be the duty of the presiding Examiner, if he obtain clear evidence of the fact at the time of the occurrence, to cause such candidate at once to leave the room; neither shall such candidate be allowed to enter during the remaining part of the examination, and his name shall be struck off the list. If, however, the evidence of such a case be not clear at the time, or be obtained after the conclusion of the examination, the Examiner shall report the case to the Department.

PROGRAMME OF EXAMINATIONS.—The examinations shall begin on Monday, Dec. 17th, 1877, and shall be conducted as follows:

Monday, December 17.

1.30 to 1.45 P.M.—Reading the Regulations.

1.45 to 4 P.M.—1. English Literature.

Tuesday, December 18.

9 A.M. to 12 M.—2. English Grammar and Etymology.

1.30 to 3.30 P.M.—3. Geography.

3.35 to 4.05 P.M.—4. Dictation.

Wednesday, December 19.

9 A.M. to 12 M.—5. Arithmetic.

1.30 to 4 P.M.—6. History.

Thursday, December 20.

9 to 11.30 A.M.—7. Algebra.

1.30 to 4 P.M.—8. Natural Philosophy.

1.30 to 4.30 P.M.—9. Latin, or 10. French, or 11. German.

Friday, December 21.

9 to 11.30 A.M.—12. Euclid.

11.35 A.M. to 12.50 P.M.—13. English Composition.

2 to 3 P.M.—14. Chemistry.

3.05 to 4.20 P.M.—15. Book-keeping.

N.B.—In the above-mentioned subjects the papers numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 will be identical with those for candidates for Second Class Certificates, and the examinations will be at the same hours.

Successful candidates will be regarded as having passed the non-professional examination prescribed for candidates for Second Class Certificates, and will be entitled to the standing of Second Class Grade B, but the standard required for Second Class Certificates Grade A will be higher than for the Intermediate.

CERTIFICATES.—Certificates will be granted by the Minister of Education or Deputy Minister, to all candidates who succeed in passing the Intermediate Examinations, according to the report of Central Committee, as approved by the Department.

* To be discontinued after 1877.

† (i) Of Death, (xii) Of Boldness, (xiv) Of Nobility, (xxi) Of Delays, (xxvii) Of Friendship, (xxxii) Of Suspicion, (xxxviii) Of Nature in Men, (xliii) Of Youth and Age, (lii) Of Ceremonies and Respects, (lviii) Of the Vicissitudes of Things.