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QUESTIONS ON THE NEW SCHOOL LAW ANSWERED.

1. *When did the new School Law come into force?*—We desire to state that the general provisions of the new School Act went into force on the 15th February, the day on which the Act itself received the Royal Assent. Certain portions of the new law cannot, however, go into operation until the regulations designed to give them effect shall have been prepared and approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council. They will, when ready, be published in this Journal.

2. *What is the present state of the Law in regard to County Boards?*—The County Boards of Public Instruction, formerly existing, having, by the Act of 1871, ceased to exist, any certificates expiring after 15th February (when the new School Act became law) may be renewed (until the meeting of the new Boards of Examiners) by the present Local Superintendents, who continue in office until the appointment of County Inspectors. No certificates of a permanent character can, however, be granted until the organization of the new Examining Boards—which will take place in July next.

3. *Where and how will the Examinations be conducted in future?*—They will take place in each County, probably twice a year. The new City or County Board of Examiners will be the City or County Inspector, and not more than four other Examiners appointed by the City Board or County Council. In regard to the Central Board of Examiners, the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario, at a meeting held on

28th March, 1871, adopted the following minute:—*Ordered*, That, as authorized by the twelfth Section of the School Act of 1871, the Reverend George Paxton Young, M.A., the Reverend J. G. D. Mackenzie, M.A., Inspector of High Schools, and James A. McLellan, Esq., M.A., be appointed a Committee to prepare papers for the examinations (to be held under the authority of the eleventh and twelfth Sections of said Act), of candidates for certificates as Public School Teachers; also to examine the answers of candidates for First Class Certificates, and to report the results of such examination to the Council.

4. *What Regulations have been made in regard to the new Inspectors and Examiners?*—The new Regulations on these subjects were given in detail in the February number of the *Journal*. Provision has also been made for holding a Special Examination of candidates for First Class Certificates (under these Regulations) in Toronto on the 18th and 19th of May, thus giving expectant candidates for Inspectorships an opportunity of qualifying themselves for that office. Another Examination will be held in each County in July. In the meantime it has been suggested to County Councils, in the Chief Superintendent's circular to Wardens, that the appointment of Inspectors in June be only temporary, and that the final appointments of these offices be deferred until January next, but that suggestion is superseded and withdrawn by the subsequent appointment of a special examination for all candidates for the office of County Inspector, to commence on the 18th of May. The County Councils will be furnished with the names of all persons qualified for the office, and can make the permanent appointments in June next.

5. *Would it not be a hardship to restrict County Councils in their choice of Inspectors to their own Counties?*—Certainly; it would be a great hardship to do so, and one which the law never contemplated, nor would it be wise to do so. Besides it would be an act of great injustice to First Class Teachers,—one chief value of whose certificates is that they are valid in every County of the Province—to tell them, when competing for the highest office in their profession, that their certificates, which the law of the land makes Provincial, shall by County Councils be only regarded as local and confined to the County in which they happen to reside. Besides, as the Government now pays one half of the salaries of these officers, upon the reasonable understanding that the best available men which the country will afford, and who are legally qualified under the