

arrangement might be made with the Council of Public Instruction so that the existing rules may be amended, allowing the written examinations to be held during the last few days of the term and the result made known during the holidays or at the commencement of the new term.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

The statement showing the per centage of pupils regularly attending, as compared with the number actually on the roll, is earnestly commended to the consideration of both teachers and parents. It will be noticed that on an average 277 children are absent every day. As the Government grant of ten dollars per pupil is based on the number actually present, it is readily seen that these 277 absentees have been the direct cause of a loss in money to the City during the year of \$2,770, besides the greater loss to the pupils themselves, by the breaks thus made in their progressive course of studies. It is hoped that in future when parents are tempted (perhaps for trivial causes) to keep their little ones at home they may think of these things.

CITY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

While recognizing the importance of avoiding any additional expenditure, it is felt that the appointment of a duly qualified experienced teacher at a liberal salary to act as a City Inspector of Schools and as general adviser and confidential agent of the Board is a pressing necessity. When it is considered that there are under the control of the Board eight separate schools, with about 2,000 pupils in attendance, giving employment to 48 teachers, all of whom are practically without oversight so far as the Trustees are concerned, it is obvious that better results would be obtained if the services of a competent person