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JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

OWING to an unusual pressure of official duties, we were unable to issue the *Journal of Education* for April.

THE Government has granted the Rev. Alexander Forrester, D. D., Principal of the Provincial Normal School, leave of absence from his post for the summer term. The close and severe application which Dr. Forrester has for some years given to the discharge of official duties, has rendered relaxation necessary. We trust that Dr. Forrester may regain to the full his wonted bodily health. J. B. Calkin, Esq., takes charge of the professional work in the absence of Dr. Forrester.

THE RECENT EXAMINATION.

NEARLY 700 candidates presented themselves for public school licenses at the late examination. This is by far the largest number ever examined at one time in this province. A detailed report of the Examiners' estimates was forwarded to each person examined. These reports entailed much labor upon the educational department. It must be evident, however, that such labor is well spent, since it must tend, in the most direct way, to stimulate those who are at all deficient in respect of qualification. The candidate sees at a glance in what subjects he excels and in what he is weak, and is thus directed in his future preparations.

In our next issue, we expect to give a full statement of the results of the examination. The names of candidates will not be given until the autumn of 1870—the date at which licenses of all classes issued previous to October, 1867, cease to be valid. At that time a complete list of all who then hold provincial licenses will be published, and regularly each examination thereafter.

We call attention to the excellent remarks and suggestions, in another column, of the Examiner in the Department of Language,—Rev. Dr. Hensley of King's College. We trust the other Examiners will give teachers the benefit of their suggestions also.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

IT will be seen by reference to "Official Notices" that valid licenses of all classes issued prior to October, 1867, remain valid in the District in which they were issued or endorsed, till October 31st, 1870. This extension of time in favour of holders of first and second classes, will furnish abundant opportunities for all to obtain provincial licenses without serious inconvenience.

SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

WE extract the following matter, together with the annexed circular, from the directions issued to Inspectors, in pursuance of the revised regulations concerning Superior Schools. The regulations will be found under "Official Notices." Trustees and Teachers would do well

to examine these data carefully, as they will form the ground of all decisions in connexion with competing schools:—

1. No. children in Section 5-15 years of age.
2. No. pupils adequate accommodation provided for.*
3. No. pupils registered at School for past Term.*
4. No. days school was open during past Term.*
5. No. pupils daily present on an average.*

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION, ETC.

The Inspector will give his estimate of the school accommodation of the Section, under the following heads, using 100 as the standard number for marking. These marks apply to the whole school accommodation of the Section.

6. School Building or Buildings.
7. Furniture.
8. Apparatus.
9. Text-books.
10. Play-ground.
11. Outhouses.
12. Ventilation.
13. Total.

EFFICIENCY OF TEACHER.

Marks in the following subjects apply to the Competing Department only.

14. Cleanliness and General Neatness.
15. Classification.
16. Mode of Teaching.
17. Order and Management.
18. Vocal Music.
19. Reading, &c.
20. Spelling.
21. Geography.
22. Drawing.
23. Writing.
24. Arithmetic.
25. English Grammar, &c.
26. History.
27. Keeping of Accounts.
28. Chem. of Com. Things.
29. Latin.
30. Algebra.
31. Geometry.
32. TOTAL.

CIRCULAR.

TO INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS:

In reporting on Competing Schools, Inspectors will be guided by the following directions:—

1. Forward with the Abstract a copy of our Notes of Inspection for each competing school, marking the Lists with letters corresponding to those in the Abstract. Forward in a separate envelope a "Key" giving the names corresponding to the letters, in the same way as for the Examination.

2. In all marks under "School Accommodation" regard the relative ability of the Competing Sections. Sections which are willing to exert themselves to the utmost extent of their resources should not be excluded from this competition by reason of poverty. In the same way an allowance should be made under "Classification" in favor of miscellaneous schools, in order that the vastly superior facilities enjoyed in this respect by Graded Schools may not give any undue advantage. In applying this principle it will of course be necessary to use the greatest caution and discrimination.

3. In accordance with revised regulations an Elementary department in one Section may enter into competition with an advanced department in another Section. This necessitates a modification in the principle of estimating the relative efficiency of the competing teachers. Instead of examining each school on all the branches

* Whole Section: if several departments, give the average days in column 4.