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ALMANAC FOR 1856.

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EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR FOR UPPER CANADA.

(Constructed from the School Laws and Regulations.)

		I. FIXED DATES.
JAN.	1	The School year begins.
	1st	Monday: 1st Quarterly Examination at Toronto of Candidates for Masterships in Grammar Schools.
	7	Winter term in the Grammar Schools begins.
	2nd	Wednesday: Annual School Elections throughout Upper Canada, of which six days previous notice must be given in three public places of each Section, Ward, etc. Within twenty days after meeting, election complaints can be investigated, and set aside or confirmed by local Superintendent in Townships, and by County Judge in Cities, Towns and Villages.
	15	Grammar School Annual Report to be made to the Chief Superintendent, by the Board of Trustees.
	—	Common School Annual Report to be made to the Chief Superintendent by the Board of Trustees in Cities, Towns and Villages—an abstract of the Report is also to be published in some local newspaper.
	30	Chief Superintendent's Annual Financial Report to Audit Board.
	31	School Section Annual Report to be sent to the Local Superintendent by the Trustees, who, after the 31st are liable to a fine of \$5 for every week the Report is delayed.
	—	Two Grammar School Trustees to annually retire from the Board on this day, and their places to be filled up by the County Council at its first meeting after the 1st of January.

EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR—(Continued.)

FEB.	1	Supporters of R. C. Separate Schools to give annual notice in writing to, and receive certificate from, Clerk of Municipality in which Separate School is situated, of such support, on or before this day.
	1st	Wednesday: the Board of Grammar School Trustees to meet annually on this day.
	Last	day: Annual financial report of each Sub-treasurer to be made up and transmitted with vouchers to the County Auditors.
MARCH	1	County, City, Town and Village clerks to transmit to the Chief Superintendent the Auditors' account of School moneys, and other information.
	—	Local Superintendents to transmit their Annual Reports to the Chief Superintendent.
	Last	Day: Applications for pensions to worn out Common School Teachers are to be made in this month, and before the first of April. Annual subscriptions to the fund to be transmitted as early in the year as possible.
		In March or April occurs the Easter vacation in the Grammar and Common Schools. The spring term in the Grammar Schools commences on the first Wednesday after Easter. Good Friday is a holiday in the Grammar Schools.
APRIL	1	Termination of Local Superintendent's annual period of office; after which the new, or re-appointed, will have to be reported to the Chief Superintendent by the County Clerk or Board of Trustees in Cities, Towns and Villages.
	1st	Monday: 2nd Quarterly Examination of Grammar School Masters.
	15	Winter Session in the Normal School ends.
MAY	1	Apportionment to Grammar and Common Schools to be notified by the Chief Superintendent.
	15	Summer Session of the Normal School begins.
	24	Queen's Birthday: a holiday in the Grammar Schools.
JUNE	Last	Friday: Grammar School Spring Term ends with half-yearly examinations.
	30	Half-yearly returns to be sent by the Trustees of Grammar (and R. C. Separate) Schools to the Chief Superintendent, and by the Trustees of rural Sections to the local Superintendents.
		Clerks of Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages to report name of Treasurer to the Chief Superintendent.
JULY	1	(1) Annual Apportionment payable by the Chief Superintendent of Schools; also the Semi-annual Apportionment to (2) Grammar and (3) R. C. Separate Schools, and the Half-yearly Pension to (4) Superannuated Common School Teachers.*
	—	Chief Superintendent's Annual Report to the Governor General.
	1st	Monday: 3rd Quarterly Examination of Grammar School Masters.
	12	Legislative School Grant to be distributed by local Superintendents among the Schools from which half-yearly returns have been received.
AUG.	1st	Monday: the Common School Vacation of two weeks begins.
	2nd	Monday: Summer Term in the Grammar Schools begins.
		The application of Trustees of rural Sections to the Township Council for the imposition of a school rate to be made before August meeting, except for expenses of site and school-house.
	Last	day: Local Superintendent to report to the Chief Superintendent on poor School applications.
OCT.	1	Agreements with Common School Teachers, in rural Sections, after this date, not valid, unless signed by those Trustees who remain in office for at least one year after the following January.
	1st	Monday: 4th Quarterly Examination of Grammar School Masters.
	15	Summer Session in the Normal School ends.
	—	Summer Term in the Grammar Schools ends on the Friday next before the 15th. The Autumn Term begins on the Monday following the close of the Summer Term.
NOV.	15	Winter Session in the Normal School begins.
DEC.	14	Common and Grammar School County Assessments available to Teachers.
	22	Autumn Term in the Grammar School ends with a public Examination.
	25	Christmas holidays in the Grammar and Common School commence.
	—	Alterations in the boundaries of School Sections take effect.
		Trustees' returns of unpaid School rates on absentees' lands to be made before the end of the year to the Township Clerk.
	31	Half-yearly returns from Grammar (and R. C. Separate) School Trustees to be sent to the Chief Superintendent, and from rural Trustees to the local Superintendents.
	—	2nd half-yearly payments by the Chief Superintendent to (1) Grammar and (2) R. C. Separate Schools, and balance of year's pension to (3) Superannuated Common School Teachers.*
	—	The School year ends. Trustees must keep open a School during at least six months of the year.

II. PERIODICAL DUTIES FOR WHICH NO SPECIFIC DATES ARE GIVEN.

1. The Boards of Public Instruction shall meet four times a year for the examination of Common School Teachers.

2. There shall be Quarterly Examinations held in all the Common Schools; and Half-yearly Examinations in the Grammar Schools.

3. Local Superintendents shall make two or more official visits to the Common Schools; "one shall be made some time between the 1st of April and 1st October; and

* The checks issued by the Educational Department for these sums are payable, at par, at any of the branch agencies of the Bank of Upper Canada. The following is a list of the agencies at present established in Canada: Barrie, Belleville, Berlin, Bowmanville, Brockville, Chatham, Chippewa, Cornwall, Goderich, Hamilton, Kingston, Lindsay, Montreal, Niagara, Ottawa, Port Hope, Quebec, Sarnia, Southampton, St. Catharines, Stratford, Toronto, (head office) and Windsor.