

Spanish influenza or other contagious diseases in the district or locality. Teachers whose schools were closed by order of the Minister of Public Health, or by the local Board of Health, will receive their pay from the trustees as well as their government grants for the time their schools were thus closed, for any period not exceeding three months in the term. The teacher is not required to remain in the district while the school is closed in order to have a claim for the salary from the trustees or the government grant from the Board of Education, as some boards of trustees seem to think. Each teacher should state clearly on his or her return the date of the closing of the school by the health authorities and the date on which it was re-opened. While it may not be practicable to obtain a certificate for the time the schools were closed by the general order of the Minister, in all cases where the school has been closed, or kept closed for a longer period than that contained between the dates in the order of the Minister of Health, a certificate in some such form as that given in the N. B. School Manual on page 210, signed by a member of the board of health officially, should be attached to the return.

The half-yearly return should be carefully read over before the blank spaces are filled in. Scores and scores of teachers' returns, we are informed, are sent back to them at the end of each term for correction, and these do not by any means all belong to new teachers. Nor do a majority of them belong to teachers of the lower classes. A little care would prevent the making of many of these mistakes and save time and inconvenience to the teacher and to the Education department. Mistakes are most frequently made in omitting to give the opening and closing dates of the school; omitting in the teacher's affidavit the number of days taught; omitting or giving an incorrect grand total days' attendance of pupils; failing to sign the teacher's affidavit; and failing to see that the justice of the peace signs his name in the place provided for it when he takes the teacher's affidavit. Similar omissions occur frequently in the affidavits of trustees.

When substitute teachers are employed, the directions given in Note No. 1, on the last page of return, should be carefully followed.

Reports of teachers of graded schools should be handed to the secretary of trustees to be forwarded with and as a part of his half-yearly return to the Board of Education. They should never be forwarded by the teacher to the Education Office.

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Teacher—"Billy, can you tell me the difference between caution and cowardice?"

Billy—"Yes, Ma'am. When your afraid yourself, that's caution. But when the other fellow's afraid, that's cowardice.—*Harper's Bazar*.

CURRENT ITEMS

Kaiser Wilhem II. abdicated the German throne at German Headquarters on November 9th, upon receipt of a message from Philip Scheidemann, conveying the demands of the new Socialist Government. Crown Prince Frederick William, eldest son of the Kaiser, renounced his claim to the succession at the same time. Both fled into Holland where they still remain.

An armistice which terminated the world's greatest war, was signed by the German representatives on Sunday, November 10th, and fighting ceased on all fronts on Monday, November 11th, at 11 a. m., French time, 6 a. m. Washington time. The armistice period is thirty days, with the option of extending it. The armistice conditions in 35 clauses, accepted by the Germans, include: The cessation of all hostilities, evacuation by Germany of all occupied territory, including Alsace-Lorraine, and German territory west of the Rhine, which is to be occupied by troops of the Allies; Germany is to hand over all war supplies, all or nearly all of the German railway stock in occupied territory, to return all prisoners, withdraw German forces in East Africa, give up all occupied ports on the Black Sea, make restitution for property destroyed by German armies, return the gold taken from the National Bank of Belgium and from Russia and Roumania, renounce the treaties of Bucharest and Brest-Litovsk, surrender all allied vessels in German hands, give over to the allies a large part of her surface and submarine fleets, and disarm the rest.

Marshal Petain with a group of Allied officers and a French force on November 19th entered Metz, the great fortress city of Lorraine, which has been in the hands of the Germans for over 47 years. By the terms of the armistice the Germans were obliged to surrender the city to the French.

Brussels and Antwerp have been occupied by the Belgians after having suffered four years of tyranny under the German heel. The inhabitants celebrated their delivery in a hearty manner.

Germany has lost her colonies, her trade, and the best part of effective naval force.

The three weeks' campaign for the second Victory Loan, which ended on Saturday night the 18th, resulted in the loan being over-subscribed by \$176,000,000. The object of the loan was \$500,000,000. Every province in the Dominion went over its objective. New Brunswick subscribed \$16,500,000., Nova Scotia, \$30,600,000., and P. E. I., \$2,700,000.

Revolution is spreading throughout Germany, and