

# PROVINCIAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

## ONTARIO.

In the school year 1898-9 the regulations of the Ontario Department of Education prescribed Agriculture as an optional subject in Public Schools, to be taught on the order of the local Board of Trustees.

In August 1899 the Minister issued an amendment as follows:—

"The Public School course of study is amended so as to include Agriculture among the obligatory subjects in all rural schools for Forms IV. and V.; for the latter Form the text books are to be used by the pupils, but for the former the instruction is to be by conversation only. Agriculture will remain optional for all Public Schools in urban municipalities."

It may be mentioned that in 1900 Agriculture was ordered by the Board of Trustees of Toronto to be taught as a subject in all the city public schools.

The text book authorized by the Minister of Education, for use in Ontario Schools, is "Agriculture," by C. C. James, published by Geo. N. Morang & Co., Toronto.

## QUEBEC.

Education in Quebec is directed by two bodies, the Roman Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and the Protestant Committee of the same Council. The public schools are in three grades known as the Elementary Schools, the Model Schools, and the Academies. In the Roman Catholic schools Agriculture is taught in oral lessons beginning in the 4th year, Grade II, of the Elementary Course, and continuing with closer use of the text books through the two years of the Model Course, and the two years of the Academy Course. Various text books in French are prescribed by the Committee. In the Protestant schools agriculture is included in the Special Course of Grades II and III of the Academies. In this course are contained Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Physiology and Agriculture, one or more of which may be taught "as may be determined by the local school authorities."

According to the Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1898-99, the Committee recommended the following text books for use in Agriculture: "Agriculture" by C. C. James (Morang & Co.,) for use in Elementary and Model Schools, and "First Lessons in the Scientific Principles of Agriculture," by Dr. Dawson, revised by Dr. Robins, (Drysedale & Co.,) for use in the Academies. It would appear, however, that as yet Agriculture is confined to the two grades of the Academy course.

In the McGill Normal School for teachers "Agricultural Science" is one of the prescribed course, Dawson's "Agriculture" being the text book.