

PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

During the same week all students of high school grade, whether studying in the academies or other high schools, are allowed to present themselves without fee for examination at one of the thirty Provincial stations, on any one of the four high school grades. The examination papers are sent out from the Education Department, and the candidates' papers are examined by one and the same Board of Examiners.

Provincial certificates of the *first, second, third and last* year of the high school, known also as Grades D, C, B, and A, respectively, are awarded on the report of the examiners. These certificates indicate definite grades of scholarship and are accepted as such for the non-professional qualifications of the various classes of teachers, for matriculation into the universities and technical colleges. The high school system is virtually a Provincial university of high school grade, and every academy and high school an affiliated college, the diplomas being granted on the report of the Provincial Board of Examiners. All teachers for the public schools must obtain a high school certificate of one of these grades before applying for a license to teach.

TEACHERS.

There are four classes of teachers whose qualifications are the high school certificates of Grade A, B, C and D respectively, with the corresponding Normal School training.

1. *Class A*, (which may be either "A, Classical" or "A, Scientific," according to the high school certificate). Teachers of this class contribute to the qualifications of county academies for obtaining the Provincial or academic grants when employed in them. When employed in other high school, they are entitled to a Provincial grant approximating \$220, \$180 or \$120 per annum, in addition to salary from their school trustees according to the class of school.

2. *Class B*, whose Provincial grant as above approximates \$120 per annum.

3. *Class C*, whose Provincial Grant approximates \$90, and

4. *Class D*, whose Provincial grant approximates \$60 per annum.

Teachers who have not the prescribed Normal School classification, but who have passed the Provincial examinations on School Law and Management, Teaching, Hygiene and Temperance, can obtain a class of license one grade lower than the corresponding Normal School classification would give. This examination is called the "Minimum Professional Qualification Examination," and with a grade D, will qualify only for a class D, (Provisional), good for one year. Teachers are also subject to strict conditions of character and age.