

*Terms, Vacations, Daily Exercises, and Holidays in the Grammar Schools of Upper Canada.*

1. There shall be four terms each year, to be designated the winter, spring, summer and autumn terms. The winter term shall begin the seventh of January, and end the Tuesday next before Easter; the spring term shall begin the Wednesday after Easter, and close the last Friday in June; the summer term shall begin the second Monday in August, and end the Friday next before the fifteenth of October; the autumn term shall begin the Monday following the close of the summer term, and shall end the twenty-second of December.

2. The exercises of the day shall not commence later than nine o'clock, a.m., and shall not exceed six hours in duration, exclusive of all the time allowed at noon for recreation, and of not more than ten minutes during each forenoon and each afternoon. Nevertheless, a less number of hours of daily teaching may be determined upon in any Grammar School, at the option of the Board of Trustees.<sup>1</sup>

3. Every Saturday shall be a holiday; or, if preferred by the Board of Trustees and Head Master of any Grammar School, the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday in each week shall be half holidays.

4. The public half-yearly examinations required to be held in each grammar school, [by the eighth clause of the twenty-fifth section of the Upper Canada Consolidated Grammar School Act,] shall take place, the one immediately before the Christian holidays, and the other immediately before the summer vacation.

5. Any teacher of a Grammar or Common School shall be entitled to five of the ordinary school-teaching days of each year to be selected by such teacher, for the purpose of visiting and observing the methods of classification, teaching and discipline practised in other schools than that in which he or she teaches.

*Teaching Days in Common and Separate Schools.*

January .....	22	July .....	22
February .....	20	August .....	13
March .....	21	September .....	20
April .....	21	October .....	23
May .....	22	November .....	22
June .....	21	December .....	15
Total .....		Total .....	
127		115	

N. B.—In Cities, Towns, and Villages, Common and Separate Schools have only three teaching days in August: and where the Common and Grammar Schools are united, the Grammar School terms and regulations apply to both.

*Hours of Daily Teaching, Holidays, and Vacations.*

1. The hours of teaching each day shall not exceed six, exclusive of all the time allowed at noon for recreation. Nevertheless, a less number of hours for daily teaching may be determined upon in any school, at the option of the trustees.

2. Good Friday shall be a holiday, and every Saturday as directed by the statute.

3. There shall be two vacations in each year; the first, or summer vacation, shall continue for two weeks from the First Monday in August; the second, for eight days, at Christmas.

NOTE—In cities, towns, and incorporated villages, the summer vacation shall continue four weeks, from the first Monday in August. (See also paragraph 4 of the Grammar School Terms, Vacations, &c.)

4. All agreements between trustees and teachers shall be subject to the foregoing regulations; and no teacher shall be deprived of any part of his salary on account of observing allowed holidays and vacations.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> It should be observed, that the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sections of the Upper Canada Consolidated Grammar School Act, empower Boards of Trustees to prescribe any duties, or make regulations, in connection with their respective schools, which are not provided for by, or are not inconsistent with, the general regulations prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, and approved of by the Governor General in Council.

<sup>2</sup> No deduction whatever can be lawfully made from any teacher's salary for any allowed holidays or vacations; or for the exemption of payment of rates by indigent persons, authorized by law.

<sup>3</sup> This regulation applies to union grammar and common schools, as the law provides for the union of common schools with grammar schools—not the union of the latter with the former. In all cases, therefore, in which common schools are united with the grammar schools, the union schools are subjected to the regulations which are here prescribed in respect to grammar schools.

<sup>4</sup> Each Grammar and Common School Master and Teacher must give at least one week's notice to the Trustees; and, in addition, the Grammar School Master must communicate with the Educational Department, so that he may not be absent during the visits of the Inspector to his School. In order that no loss of apportionment may accrue to any school in consequence of the Master's absence under this regulation, a proportionate amount of average attendance will be credited to the school for the time so employed by the teacher; but under no circumstances can lost time be lawfully made up by teaching on any of the prescribed holidays or half holidays, nor will such time be reckoned by the Department.

5. Union Grammar and Common Schools are subject to the regulations affecting holidays and vacations in Grammar Schools.<sup>3</sup>

6. In order to enable the Educational Department to make an equitable apportionment to Roman Catholic Separate Schools in city, towns, and villages where Union Grammar and Common Schools exist, it is necessary that both the Common and Separate Schools should observe the regulations affecting holidays and vacations in Grammar Schools, as above.

MOVABLE AND OTHER FESTIVALS.

Circumcision .....	Jan. 1	Easter Sunday .....	April 1
Septuagesima Sunday .....	Jan. 28	Rogation Sunday .....	May 6
Quinquagesima Sunday .....	Feb. 11	Ascension Day .....	May 10
Ash Wednesday .....	Feb. 14	Whit Sunday .....	May 20
First Sunday in Lent .....	Feb. 18	Trinity Sunday .....	May 27
Palm Sunday .....	Mar. 25	Advent Sunday .....	Dec. 2
Good Friday .....	Mar. 30	Christmas Day .....	Dec. 25

APPOINTMENT OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Some misapprehension of the meaning of the second section of the recent Grammar School Act having given rise to erroneous action on the part of Municipal Councils, it seems necessary to explain that the law does not state that the first meeting of the Newly Elected Council shall appoint the Grammar School Trustees. The "Corporations" of Towns and Villages, and the "Councils" of Counties and Cities, are the terms mentioned in the act; and as these corporations have a continuous existence, the law intends that the first meeting in January, whether of the old or new council, should appoint the Grammar School Trustees. The Board of Grammar School Trustees in cities may consist of eight members, but in towns and villages they cannot exceed six.

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
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
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