

trustees of all public schools within the district must lodge their returns, duly certified, at the place previously indicated by the Inspector. The days named by the Council of Public Instruction for the semi-annual meetings of the boards will allow each school term to expire before the trustees are required to make up their returns. This will enable the "average attendance" and "time in session" of each school to be accurately reported in the returns.

(9.) *The appointment of District Examiners.*—Each board appoints two members of the "Committee of District Examiners" provided by law, and the Council one, who is to be the chairman of the committee. The selection by the board is not confined to its own members, but may be made from the district at large. From whichever source derived, no pains should be spared to select men of high literary and professional attainments. They will be required not only to examine and classify applicants for all grades of the Common Schools, but also to examine all applicants for Head-masterships of Academies. The proper discharge of this duty implies large mathematical and classical knowledge, as well as clear views as to what constitutes an efficient teacher, together with a thorough knowledge of the organization and management of schools, both mixed and graded.

(10.) *The cancelling or suspending of teachers' licenses in certain cases.*—Licenses granted by the "committee of District Examiners" are subject to cancellation or suspension by the Commissioners in the following cases:—

(a.) *To cancellation.*—For "drunkenness or other gross immorality," sec. 13 (5).

(b.) *To cancellation OR suspension.*—For "signing a false certificate" attached to the trustees' half-year return, sec. 45 (12).

(c.) *To suspension.*—For "neglect of duty or incapacity," sec. 13 (5). Licenses granted by the Provincial Examiners are subject to the same exercise of authority by the Commissioners, with respect to cancellation or suspension, as the above.

The law makes it the duty of the Commissioners to notify any teacher of any such action taken by the Board, and the trustees by whom such teacher may be employed; and to immediately acquaint the Superintendent, stating the name, sex, and class of the teacher whose license shall have been cancelled or suspended.

(11.) *The altering of the boundaries of existing sections, and the creating of new sections.*—The power of the Commissioners in this matter, and the conditions on which it may be exercised, are distinctly stated in the law, sec. 13, (1); see, also, "Of School Sections," p. 23. Since one of the leading enactments of the law provides for the grading of schools, it is earnestly hoped that each Board will exert its influence and authority to preserve, wherever practicable, such a number of inhabitants in each section as will enable either graded schools, or the closest possible approximation to them, to be sustained in as many sections as possible. No mere preference in favor of one section or another, on the part of parents, should be allowed to interfere with the preservation of the proper bounds of sections. Such bounds should always be determined upon as will enable the people of all the sections to educate their children in the most efficient and most economical manner. That sections of good size will secure efficiency and economy,