

III. Examination of Teachers.

The Council of Public Instruction has made the following Regulation—
 "The half-yearly Examination for license to teach in the Public Schools shall be held in March and September of each year. Examinations to begin on Tuesday the ninth day preceeding the last Thursday of said months."
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of Public Instruction has revised the Regulations concerning the Examination of Teachers, as follows:—

OF LICENSES ISSUED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1867:

1. Subject to all the limitations and restrictions under which they were originally granted, all legal and valid Licenses shall continue to be legal and valid as follows:—

Head Masters' Certificates, Till October 31st, 1870	"	"	"
Licences of the First Class, " " "	"	"	"
" " Second Class, " " "	"	"	"
" " Third Class, " " "	"	"	"

2. Licences issued by the late Boards of District Examiners remain valid as above in the District for which originally issued, and for any other District or Districts in which they may have been duly endorsed previous to May, 1867. "Permissive" Licences cease to be valid on the expiration of the period for which they were originally granted.

IV Amended and Additional Regulations concerning Superior Schools.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Teachers of the First Class, Trustees of schools and others, that CHAPTER V. of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, "Of Superior Schools," has been revised as follows:—

1. In lieu of sub-divisions (2), (4), and (10) of SECTION 3—
 (2) Ample School accommodation must be provided for all children of school age in the Section.

(4) The furniture must be of an approved pattern, and the supply of books, apparatus, and school materials, sufficient for and adapted to the wants of the school.

(10) a. School must have been kept at least 100 days during the term.

b. At least three-fourths of the children of school age must be registered at school.

c. The number of pupils daily present on an average, must be at least two-thirds of the number registered.

2. In Sections having Graded Schools, tests referring to school buildings, furniture, books, apparatus, and school materials, shall apply to all the departments. The number of registered pupils daily present on an average shall apply to all the departments in the aggregate.

3. In the case of Graded Schools, the Council will determine which department shall be eligible to compete in any term; and notice of the same will be given at least three months previous to the commencement of such term. Any department of a Graded School shall be examined only upon such subjects as are suited to its grade.

4. Agreements respecting Teachers' salaries must be regular in every respect.

5. An one-half of the grant to any superior school is payable to the Trustees and one-half to the Teacher, in deciding the competitions two elements will be kept in view as the basis of all awards:

First—The character of the school accommodation, general equipment, school attendance; and generally, all matters wholly or chiefly under the control of the SECTION—

Second—The organization, management, discipline, and progress of the school; and generally, all matters wholly or chiefly depending on the ability and diligence of the TEACHER—

And these two elements will be regarded as of equal force and importance.

6. The foregoing Regulations shall take effect on the first day of May, 1868, and all existing Regulations not inconsistent with the foregoing shall continue in force thereafter.

IN pursuance of the above Regulations, Trustees and Teachers of Graded Schools are hereby notified that the Council of Public Instruction has determined that the most ADVANCED Department shall be eligible to compete during the term beginning May 1st, 1868; and the most ELEMENTARY Department during the term beginning November 1st, 1868.

V. Evening Schools.

The Council of Public Instruction has made the following Regulations in reference to Evening Schools:

1. Trustees of Public Schools may establish in their several Sections Evening Schools, for the instruction of persons upwards of 13 years of age, who may be debarred from attendance at the Day School.

2. Such Evening School shall be in session 2½ hours; and in relation to Public Grants, two evening sessions shall count as one day. The Prescribed Register shall be kept, and a Return of the school made in the form directed by the Superintendent.

3. Books and School materials for such Evening Schools will be furnished at the same rate, and subject to the same conditions as for day schools; provided always that no pupil of an Evening School shall have power to demand the use of books free of charge, but shall, on the other hand, have the right of purchasing from the Trustees at half-cost, if he should desire to do so.

4. No portion of Provincial or County funds for Education, shall be appropriated in aid of Evening Schools, unless teachers are duly licensed.

5. The Council would greatly prefer that the Teachers of Evening Schools should be other than Teachers of Day Schools; but where this may not be practicable, it shall be legal for the Teacher of the day school to teach day school four days in the week, and evening school three evenings in the week.

VI. Holidays and Vacations.

Notice is hereby given to Trustees of Schools and others, that CHAPTER XI. of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. "Of Time in Session, Holidays, and Vacations" has been revised as follows:

HOLIDAYS.

The following Regulations have been added to SECTION 3, of the Chapter abo named.

a. When for any cause the Trustees of a school shall deem it desirable that any prescribed Teaching Day should be given as a Holiday, the school or schools may be kept in session on the Saturday of the week in which such Holiday has been given, and such Saturday shall be held to be in all respects a legal Teaching Day.

b. When, owing to illness, or for any other just cause, a teacher loses any number of prescribed teaching days, such teacher shall have the privilege of making up for such lost days, to the extent of six during any Term, by teaching on Saturdays; But

c. No school shall be kept in session more than five days per week for any two consecutive weeks;

d. Nor shall any Teacher teach more than FIVE DAYS PER WEEK on the average (vacations not being counted) during the period of his engagement in any term.

The Anniversary of the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY shall be a Holiday in all the Public Schools, as heretofore; also any day proclaimed as a public holiday throughout the Province.

VACATIONS.

The following Regulations have been made in lieu of SECTION 4, of the Chapter above named:—

1. The CHRISTMAS VACATION shall remain as heretofore, the "eight days" being held to mean week-days other than Saturdays.

2. Instead of two vacations during the summer term (a week at seed time and a fortnight at harvest) as heretofore, THREE WEEKS (15 week-days other than Saturdays,) shall hereafter be given as vacation during the summer term, at such time or times as the Trustees shall decide: Nevertheless

3. In order that the due Inspection of Schools as required by law, may not be interfered with, each Inspector shall have power, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing Regulations, to give notice of the day or days on which he proposes to visit any school or schools in his county for the purposes of Inspection, and to require that on the day or days so named such school or schools shall be kept in session.

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VII. Teachers' Agreements.

The attention of Teachers and Trustees is again called to the necessity of complying with the provision of the Law in relation to the disposal of the county Fund. It appears from the School Returns of the past Term that some teachers have in their agreements with Trustees in respect to salary, assumed all risk as to the amount to be received from the County Fund. Such proceeding is contrary to the provisions of the law and directly subversive of a most important principle of the school system, since the pecuniary penalty imposed upon the inhabitants of the section by the absence and irregular attendance of pupils is thereby inflicted upon the teacher, while the pecuniary rewards consequent upon a large and regular attendance of pupils at school is diverted from the people to the teacher. These results clearly tend to prevent the growth and development of a sentiment of responsibility and interest among all the inhabitants of each section, and thus measurably defeat the object of the whole system—the education of every child in the province.

The Superintendent of Education, therefore, calls the attention of Teachers and Trustees to the following

NOTICE.

1. The COUNTY FUND is paid to the TRUSTEES of the section. The amount depends upon the number of pupils, the regularity of their attendance, and the number of prescribed teaching days on which school is open in any section during the term.

2. Teachers must engage with Trustees at a definite sum or rate. The Provincial grant is paid to teachers in addition to such specified sum.

3. The following form of agreement is in accordance with the law:

[Form of Agreement.]

* Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into the — day of — A.D. 186 —, between (name of teacher) a duly licensed teacher of the — class of the one part, and (names of trustees) Trustees of School Section No. — in the District of — of the second part.

The said (name of teacher) on his (or her) part, in consideration of the below mentioned agreements by the parties of the second part, hereby covenants and agrees with the said (names of Trustees) Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office, diligently and faithfully to teach a public school in the said section, under the authority of the said Trustees and their successors in office, during the School Year (or Term) ending on the thirty-first day of October next, (or the thirtieth day of April, as the case may be).

And the said Trustees and their successors in office on their part covenant and agree with the said (name of teacher) Teacher as aforesaid, to pay the said (name of teacher) out of the School Funds under their control, at the rate of — dollars for the School Year (or Term).

And it is hereby further mutually agreed that both parties to this agreement shall be in all respects subject to the provisions of the School Law and the Regulations made under its authority by the Council of Public Instruction.

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereto subscribed their names on the day and year first above written.

Witness, (Name of Witness.) (Name of Teacher.) (Names of Trustees.)

4. Each Inspector is instructed to report every case of illegal stipulation on the part of teachers, in reference to the County Fund.

VIII. To Trustees of Public Schools.

1. "A relation being established between the trustees and the teacher, it becomes the duty of the former, on behalf of the people, to see that the scholars are making sure progress, that there is life in the school both intellectual and moral,—in short, that the great ends sought by the education of the young are being realized in the section over which they preside. All may not be able to form a nice judgment upon its intellectual aspect, but none can fail to estimate correctly its social and moral tone. While the law does not sanction the teaching in our public schools of the peculiar views which characterize the different denominations of Christians, it does instruct the teacher "to inculcate by precept and example a respect for religion and the principles of Christian morality." To the trustees the people must look to see their desires in this respect, so far as is consonant with the spirit of the law, carried into effect by the teacher."—*Comments and Regulations* of Council of Public Instruction, p. 51, reg. 5.

2. Whereas it has been represented to the Council of Public Instruction that Trustees of Public Schools have, in certain cases, required pupils, on pain