

INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INSPECTORS.

- District No. 1, the City and County of Halifax—Hinkle Condon, Halifax.
- District No. 2, the Counties of Lunenburg and Queens—Thomas R. Pattillo, A. M., Lunenburg.
- District No. 3, the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth—A. C. A. Doane, Barrington.
- District No. 4, the Counties of Digby and Annapolis—Leander S. Morse, A. M., Bridgetown.
- District No. 5, the Counties of Kings and Hants—Colin W. Roscoe, A. M., Wolfville.
- District No. 6, the Counties of Antigonish and Guysborough—Roderick McDonald, Antigonish.
- District No. 7, the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond—M. J. T. Macneil, River Bourgeois, C. B.
- District No. 8, the Counties of Inverness and Victoria—John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove, C. B.
- District No. 9, the County of Pictou and that part of the County of Colchester not included in No. 10—Robert McLellan, Pictou.
- District No. 10, the County of Cumberland and that part of the County of Colchester comprised by the Districts of Sterling and West Colchester—William D. McKenzie, Parrsboro'.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Provincial Educational Association will be held in the Provincial Normal School, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 16th and 17th.

The details of the programme of proceedings, as arranged by the Executive Committee, will be published in the press at least a month in advance of meeting of Association.

There will be the customary reduction in railway and steamboat fares to members of the Association.

Teachers, on giving required notices to Trustees, will, without detriment to Provincial Grant or County Fund apportionment to Section, be allowed from three to five days' (as may be required) absence from their Schools for the purpose of attending Association. But no claim will be allowed unless Teachers send, in connection with their returns, Secretary's certificate of actual enrollment and attendance.

By order of the Executive Committee.

ALEX. MCKAY,
Secretary.

SUMMER VACATION.

The following is the regulation:

"There shall be a Summer Vacation of four weeks (twenty days other than Saturdays) in all the Public Schools. The vacation shall commence on the Monday preceding the annual examination of teachers, but the Commissioners of each District at the May meeting shall have power to change the time of this vacation, provided that it shall not begin earlier than the first of July, nor later than the first of August. Any change made must apply to all the schools of the District, and due notice must be given by the Inspector to the Trustees." Vacation this year begins Saturday, July 19th, and schools re-open on Monday, August 18.

TEXT BOOKS.

Comment.—In performing the duty of selecting and prescribing text-books for the Public Schools, the Council of Public Instruction has availed itself as fully as possible of the knowledge and experience of those who are engaged in the practical work of Education. The sole aim of recent modifications has been to secure, at a reasonable cost, a series of texts adapted for use in schools. Change of authorized books is in itself a very undesirable thing; and it is hoped and believed that matters may remain where they are now fixed, for years to come, without substantial alteration.

At the same time, the previously announced changes, now brought into effect, will largely reduce the cost of text-books, especially to those taking an extended course. School officers are reminded that laudatory notices of non-prescribed texts, when given by them to publishers and their agents for advertising use, are misleading, and often involve serious loss to book sellers and parents.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, WITH NAMES OF PUBLISHERS.

ENGLISH.

- Reading and Spelling.* (1.) The Royal Series (Thomas Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh and London.)
(2.) The Maritime Series (Wm. Collins, Sons & Co., Glasgow and London.)
(3.) The Spelling Book Superseded—*English Edition.* Sullivan Bros.)

NOTE.—In sections where French is the vernacular language, and the Trustees desire that English should also be taught, the French-English Readers of the Royal Series will be found very serviceable.

Grammar and Composition. (1.) English Grammar for Schools (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

(2.) Dalgleish's Introductory Text Book of English Composition (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

(3.) Dalgleish's Advanced Text Book of English Composition (Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.)

Geography. (1.) Calkin's Introductory Text Book (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

(2.) Calkin's Geography of the World (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

History. (1.) Calkin's *History of British America* (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

(2.) *Brief History of England* (Thos. Nelson & Son, Edinburgh and London.)

(3.) Swinton's Outline of the World's History, Nova Scotia Edition (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

NOTE.—The use of Collier's *History of the British Empire* will be legal for the current school year. It will be replaced at the beginning of the next by an enlarged Edition of the *Brief History of England.*

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic. (1.) Kirkland & Scott's Elementary Arithmetic (Gage & Co., Toronto.)

(2.) Hamblin Smith's Arithmetic (Gage & Co., Toronto.)

Algebra. Todhunter's Algebra for Beginners (Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto.)

Geometry. Euclid, Hamblin Smith's Edition (Gage & Co., Toronto.)

[First four books published as special Nova Scotia Edition].

Practical Mathematics. Eaton's Elementary Practical Mathematics (D. H. Smith & Co., Truro.)

Book-keeping. Eaton & Frazee's treatise (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

SCIENCE.

1. The Science Primer (Macmillan & Co., London, and James Campbell & Son, Toronto.)

[1.] Physical Geography.—Geikie.

[2.] Physics.—Balfour Stewart.

[3.] Chemistry.—Roscoe.

[4.] Geology.—Geikie.

[5.] Physiology.—Foster.

[6.] Astronomy.—Lockyer.

[7.] Botany.—Hooker.

2. Tanner's First Principles of Agriculture (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

WRITING AND DRAWING.

1. Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Copy Books, Beatie's Copy Books, the Royal Series of Copy Books.

[The Council does not think it necessary to prescribe a single series of Copy Books, but only to require that one series shall be used exclusively in each school. It is but just to state that since the last publication of this list, the Royal Series has been re-graded and by other improvements brought to a high standard of excellence.]

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS, BUT NOT PRESCRIBED FOR PUPILS.

[Trustees anxious to promote the physical, intellectual, and moral welfare of the pupils in the schools under their charge will do well to provide their teachers with the undermentioned books].

Dr. Richardson's Temperance Hand Book, McGregor & Knight, Halifax, advertise cheap editions at 30 cents, retail, cloth edition 50 cents, retail.)

Dr. Edward Smith's Manual of Health (A. & W. Mackinlay.)

Gray's "How Plants Grow" (Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., N.Y.)

Newton's Manual of Zoology (Christian Knowledge Series).

N. A. Calkin's (Boston) Primary Object Lessons (Harper Bros., New York.)

NOTE.—Prang's Natural History Series of Botanical and Zoological Drawings and Cards is accompanied by an excellent manual of directions. The whole series, with manual complete, can be obtained from A. & W. Mackinlay at \$9 50. Steps are being taken to recommend a cheaper series for the smaller class of schools.