Departmental News.

[BRITISH COLUMBIA].

Official Departmental News from the office of the Superintendent of Education for the Province of British Columbia.

The next examination for candidates for certificates to teach in the public schools of British Columbia will be held in July, 1900, in the four centres, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops and Nelson. Each applicants' notice of intention to submit himself for examination must be accompanied by a fee of five dollars.

In determining the government per capita grant to the cities Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster, no holidays will be recognized by the Department of Education except the statutory ones named in the School Act. Special provision will be made in the event of any school being closed on account of prevalent epidemic disease.

In December, 1899, and thereafter, regular written examinations for Entrance to the high schools will be held half-yearly.

The government salary-grant to "Assisted Schools" will now be at the rate of \$40 for teachers of such schools, and \$30 for monitors.

REGULATIONS FOR ENTRANCE TO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES.

[MANITOBA]

An Entrance Examination to the Collegiate Institutes of the Province shall be held by the department of Education, along with the Examination for teachers, in July of each year. Due notice of this examination shall be given to all Collegiate Institutes and Intermediate Schools, and diplomas shall be issued to those successful in this Examination.

1. The examination shall cover the work of Grade VIII, and preceding grades. Pupils from Rural Schools will be permitted to take the English prescribed for third class certificates instead of the English here prescribed.

ORAL READING.

SPELLING AND WRITING on all papers.

LITERATURE. The Fifth Reader (Victorian) from page 228 to end of book with special reference to the following selections :

- (1) The Vision of Sir Launfal.
- (2) Burial March of Dundee.
- (3) The Skylark; Hogg, Wordsworth and Shelley.
- (4) Cotter's Saturday Night.
- (5) Fight with a Dragon.
- (6) Tempest.
- (7) The Great Carbuncle.
- (8) The Battle of Lake Regilus.
- (9) Perseus.
- (10) From Dawn to Dawn in the Alps.

2. At such examination candidates from various Public Schools of the Province may present themselves as follows: Those pupils who present a certificate from the Principal of Grade VIII of having done successfully the work of such Department.

3. Candidates who have not been attending the Public Schools of the Province may be admitted to the examination at the discretion of the Presiding Examiner but all such shall be specially reported to the Department.

4. When at any time during the interval between Entrance Examinations it is considered advisable to admit a pupil provisionally until next examination, the Superintendent of City Schools, or the Inspector, and the Principal of the Collegiate Institute, shall at once report in detail upon the case to the Department of Educa tion, without whose approval no provisional admission may be made.

5. Holders of second and third class teachers' certificates may be admitted without examination to such place in the Collegiate Schools as their standing may justify.