

MUSIC AND DRAWING.—With respect to both Music and Drawing, for a number of years past, every opportunity has been given for voluntary instruction in these subjects. Drawing has been in our Provincial Course of Study for fifteen years; time enough for every teacher in the province to acquire something of the art. Music has always been encouraged, has always been taught at the provincial expense in the Normal School; and for some time prior to the present time the Government paid the expenses of an instructor in the simple tonic sol-fa system to visit the principal communities throughout the whole province. If there are teachers now who cannot see that their pupils obtain the privileges and advantages which the law intends they should have, they belong to the class who should no longer have indulgence granted them. For the pupils who are now passing through the lower schools especially, will forever miss the favorable opportunity they now have of making an early, and possibly for many, any start at all in these arts, to a practical knowledge of which they are entitled. The loss of the Provincial Grant for *one* year will have a more awakening effect on these teachers than the *fifteen* years of recommendations and prayers, without enforcement.

SCHOOLHOUSES AND outhouses.—There are still occasionally found in remote parts of the country, schoolhouses which the Inspector has more than once threatened to have condemned, but which with the desire of not being considered too severe, he stills allows to exist. Sometimes it is because the teacher is already engaged and he hesitates to have action taken which might injure a party not responsible for the state of affairs. But is not a teacher more or less responsible if he engages to teach in a schoolhouse where proper sanitary conditions cannot be maintained? If the trustees "know no better," he should. He holds a certificate stating that he has studied the principles of Hygiene and has been found competent.

The conditions of health are most frequently disregarded in connection with the outhouses. If a teacher engages to teach in a school where the trustees will not do their duty in this respect, he should promptly notify the Inspector, under which circumstances, the Inspector might be justified in recommending the withholding of the County Grant alone. It is but fair for the country to know, that if the sanitary conditions of any school remain for any length of time defective, that the Education Department will hold the Inspector also, as well as the trustees and teacher responsible. The Inspector is not doing his duty if he passes as approved the "*return*" from such a school until he has received satisfactory assurance that the premises are in the condition required by law.