

THE NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

The Superintendent has already been asked; What will this certificate be like? He does not know; for it is to be designed by the National Service authorities, and will indicate that the holder has done some national service worthy of the distinction. But it is likely also to contain in the body or at least on the margin over the signature of a representative of the Education Department:

(1) That the holder is recognized as having passed a specified grade of the public school program. If promoted by the teacher it will be the grade in which he studied during the year; if he is not fit for promotion, it will be the next grade below. There are twelve grades in the Nova Scotia Public School.

(2) That the holder worked for days certified as satisfactory by the employer (.....) on a (farm, garden, grounds, etc) at from the of to the of 1917.

Such days of employment are legal authorized school days attendance, and the grade of scholarship indicated will be accepted by all school authorities as that of a regular common school or high school pass.

If teachers certify students in good standing in Grade XII in the form prescribed for "**Soldier's Certificates**" (See page 166 *Journal*, April, 1916) provided their productive labor is also certified to be of reasonable importance, this Certificate may possibly be accepted by universities in lieu of a matriculation examination during the War.

ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

That the Regulation of 26 April, 1917, published in this "*Journal*" on pages 138 and 139 preceding, "**freeing boys from school and examinations,**" be applicable to girls under the same prescribed conditions.

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