

PROGRAMMES OF COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario, under the authority of the School Laws of Ontario.

NOTE.—The programme is published for the information of the Trustees and Head Masters, but will not be obligatory until January, 1872. In consequence of changes being contemplated in the curriculum of the University of Toronto, modifications may be made in the classical programme before it comes into force.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA.

The fundamental principle of our system of public instruction is, that every youth before proceeding to the subjects of a higher English or of a classical education, shall first be grounded in the elementary subjects of a public school education. No candidates are, therefore, eligible for admission to the High Schools except those who have manifested proficiency, by passing a satisfactory examination in the subjects of the first four classes of the Public School programme.

The objects and duties of the High Schools are two fold :

First, commencing with pupils who (whether educated in either a public or private school) are qualified as above, the High Schools are intended to complete a good English education, by educating pupils not only for commercial, manufacturing and agricultural pursuits, but for fulfilling with efficiency, honor and usefulness the duties of Municipal Councillors, Legislators, and various public offices in the service of the country.

The *Second* object and duty of the High Schools (commencing also with pupils qualified as above, is to teach the languages of Greece and Rome, of Germany and France, the Mathematics, &c., so far as to prepare youth for certain professions, and especially for the Universities, where will be completed the education of men for the learned professions, and for Professorships in the Colleges, and Masterhips in the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The thirty-eighth section of the School Law of 1871 provides for the admission to the High Schools as follows:—

“The County, City or Town Inspector of Schools, the Chairman of the High School Board, and the Head Master of the High School shall constitute a Board of Examiners for the admission of pupils to the High School, according to the regulations and programme of examination provided according to law ; and it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of High Schools to see that such regulations are duly observed in the admission of pupils to the High Schools.”

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

The admission of pupils by the Board of Examiners constituted by the thirty-eighth section of the Act of 1871, shall be regarded as subject to the approval of the Inspectors of High Schools. Admissions shall take place immediately after the Christmas and summer vacations, and pupils admitted at other times will not be reckoned for that half-year in the apportionment. The questions and replies for admission shall be preserved for the examination of the Inspectors.

The subjects of examination for admission to the High Schools are the same as those prescribed for the first four classes in the Programme of Studies for the Public Schools but for pupils intended for the classical course, the entrance test in *Arithmetic* is the standard prescribed for the third class in the public schools, and omitting from the subjects of the fourth class Christian Morals, Animal Kingdom and Elements of Chemistry and Botany. It shall, however, be entirely at the option of the parent or guardian of a pupil whether he shall enter the High School on being able to pass the entrance examination, or continue his studies throughout the whole course of the Public School programme, and then enter an advanced class of the High School.

Pupils entering the High Schools must take either the English or classical course of studies.

Pupils shall be arranged in classes corresponding to their respective degrees of proficiency. There may be two or more divisions in each class, and each pupil shall be advanced from one division or class to another, with reference to attainments, without regard to time, according to the judgment of the Head Master ; and if any difference take place between the parent or guardian of a pupil and the Head Master, in regard to the advancement of such pupil, the Inspector of the High School shall decide.

No departure from the prescribed programme is allowable. Where options are authorized, the permission must not be given to any pupil without the recommendation of the Head Master and the sanction of the Board of Trustees.

Pupils who have been admitted to the High Schools under the previous regulations, must be taught those subjects of the first four classes of the Public School Programme with which they are not acquainted.

I.—ENGLISH COURSE.

SUBJECT.	FIRST FORM.	SECOND FORM.	THIRD FORM.	FOURTH FORM.
ENGLISH GRAMMAR & LITERATURE.	English Grammar, including Etymology. Advanced or Sixth Reader and Collier's English Grammar, including Etymology. History of English Literature.	Collier's History of English Literature. Collier's English Grammar, including Etymology.	English Classics (critically and analytically read), Selection No. 1.	English Classics (critically and analytically read), Selection No. 2.
COMPOSITION	Practice in writing familiar and business letters.	Practice in composition.	Practice in composition.	Practice in composition.
READING, DICTATION & ELOCUTION	Practice in reading and writing to dictation from first four reading books.	Practice in writing to dictation.	Same as Form II., with elocution.	Elocution.