



OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The number of Teaching Days for the current term, closing 31st inst., is 112; for the City of Halifax, 107.

The number of Teaching Days for the ensuing term, beginning Nov. 1st, is 117; for the City of Halifax, 114.

Trustees and Teachers should not fail to notice that, according to Regulation, the next ensuing Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 20th, 1884, and that the Schools resume work on January 5th, 1885. Any schools kept open between those dates will not be recognized.

COUNTY FUND TO POOR SECTIONS.

In apportioning the County Fund for the current term, Inspectors are notified to credit Poor Sections with the one-third extra allowance provided by law, *irrespective of the Grade of license held by the Teacher.*

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. Patillo, 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—Roderrick 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 District of Stirling and the Townships of Economy and Londonderry—William D. McKenzie Parrsboro.

THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

TRURO.

J. B. CALKIN, M. A., *Principal.*

Professor of Didactics and Chemistry J. B. Calkin, M. A.
 " Language and History J. B. Hall, Ph. D.
 " Mathematics and Physics F. H. Eaton, M. A.

Instructor in Industrial Drawing and Calisthenics.
Miss Ollie A. Smith.
 Teacher of Preparatory Department Miss Ada F. Ryan.
 Head Master of Model School J. A. Smith, B. A.

Copies of Regulations and By-laws of Institution can be at all times obtained on application to the Principal.

The annual session begins November 5th. Formal opening November 12th.

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 reasonable cost, a series of texts adapted for use in schools. Change in authorized books is in itself a very undesirable thing; and it is hoped and believed that matters may remain where they are now for years to come, without substantial alteration.

The general effect of recent changes has been to largely and permanently reduce the cost of text-books, especially to pupils pursuing an extended course. The Council is engaged in inquiries and efforts with a view to still further diminish expense by securing, wherever practicable, a lowering in price and an improvement in the mechanical quality of the prescribed texts.

Inspectors and Teachers are reminded:

1. That the Course of Study for Common Schools encourages an economical expenditure for text-books by providing a system of oral instruction for junior classes. Too many teachers try to satisfy themselves in respect to their more youthful pupils by placing in

their hands text-books not needed in any case, and worse than useless when unaccompanied by proper oral exposition. A text-book should not be required for a child until he is prepared intelligently to use it.

2. That the regulation which makes it illegal and improper for a teacher to introduce unauthorized texts, by no means hinders him from giving his pupils the benefit of other treatises to whose explanations he may attach importance. The progressive teacher will always have such aids within reach, and will so use them as to impart variety and interest to his instructions.

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.) Outlines of British History (Thos Nelson & Son, Edinburgh and London).

(3.) Swinton's Outlines of the World's History, Canadian Edition (A. & W. Mackinlay).

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 Primers (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, Beattie'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.]

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 edition 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 (Harpers 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.