

PUBLIC CLOSING FOR ACADEMY AND COMMON SCHOOL.

In an effort to create increased interest in the work of our schools it has been formally decided by the School Board that a public Closing will be held in September next at which the certificates won by the graduating class will be presented and prizes distributed to successful and hard working students. The matter had already been considered by the large and representative Educational Committee of Kentville progressive Board of Trade, who immediately took steps to outline, with the aid of the teachers of the Academy and of the Common Schools, a list of prizes calculated to promote a healthy rivalry in every branch of the school work. In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom and every pains has thus been taken that these prizes shall do the greatest good to the greatest number, the plodding, patient worker being remembered as well as the more clever leaders.

The report of the Educational Committee was heartily endorsed by the Board of Trade at its last meeting and the list of prizes and rules governing their distribution, as there read, are given below:—

- GRADE (XI).**
1. Highest Aggregate.
 2. " in Mathematics including Trigonometry Algebra and Geometry.
 3. " in English, Chemistry and History.
 4. " in French and Latin.
 5. Greatest improvement and effort.

- GRADE (X).**
1. Highest Aggregate.
 2. Highest in Mathematics, including Algebra, Geometry, and Arithmetic.
 3. " in English and French.
 4. " in Latin.
 5. " in History and Physics.
 6. Greatest improvement and effort.

- GRADE (IX).**
1. Highest Aggregate.
 2. " in Arithmetic and Geography.
 3. " in Algebra and Drawing.
 4. " in English and Agriculture.
 5. " in French and Latin.
 6. Greatest improvement and effort.

MANUAL TRAINING (all classes).

Greatest Progress and effort in Wood-working and Drawing.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE. (All Classes).
Greatest Progress and effort in Sewing.

COMMON SCHOOLS.
Grade (VII).
Highest in English, Mathematics, and Drawing.

GRADE (VII).—Highest in English History and Arithmetic.

GRADE (VI).—Highest in English and Arithmetic.

GRADE (V).—Highest in English and Arithmetic.

GRADE (IV).—Highest in Writing and Arithmetic.

GRADE (III). Best in Drawing and Arithmetic.

GRADE (II). Best in Writing and Arithmetic.

GRADE (I).—Greatest Progress in Writing and Drawing.

KINDERGARTEN: Greatest Progress in Writing.

Provided that a sufficient sum is raised to approximate an average of Five Dollars per prize for the above list this sum will be divided into a first and second prize in Manual Training, Domestic Science, and in each of the Common School grades.

RULES GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

1. Aggregates and Highest marks to be determined from Provincial Examination marks for Academy Students, from Academy Entrance marks for Grade (VIII), and from Grading Examination marks in the Common Schools.

2. Greatest Progress and effort to be determined by Academy Staff for Academy Students by Principal and Teacher in Common Schools by reference to Quarterly Examination Records and exhibit of work done at beginning and end of the year.

3. In Academy Grades no pupil is to receive more than two prizes. Should a pupil make the mark necessary for a third prize, public announcement will be made of the fact but the prize will go to the pupil coming second highest.

4. Any pupil winning a prize under rule three, shall not obtain a second prize in the same way, but the prize will pass to the next highest pupil announcement to be made as above.

5. Any person giving a prize may offer it for any subjects mentioned herein, or for an additional prize, or simply contribute a sum of money or an article as a prize, to be assigned to its place by the Academy Staff.

6. Unless requested otherwise,

any prize, whether assigned to any place by the Donor or by the Staff will be announced from the platform at the Closing as having been offered by the donor and won by the receiver.

7. Any money or article pledged as a prize to be handed in on or before Sept. 1, 1918. Keeping in mind, again, the desirability of doing the greatest good to the greatest number, the committee decided, not to appeal for assistance to those public minded citizens, only, who would have readily subscribed, the funds needed, but to make a general appeal through the children of which the public will hear more next week.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, the choir of St. James Church will be voted in cassocks and surplices for the first time and the music on that day will be of a very high order and worthy of the "Queen of Festivals." There will also be three celebrations of the Blessed Sacrament, at 7, 9, and 11 a. m. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock a special service for the Sunday School children will be held when the Linten boxes will be placed upon the altar of the Church as a Thanksgiving. The 7 o'clock service will consist of Evensong East hymns and Anthems, and a sermon on the Resurrection. Strangers will be cordially welcome.

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