

English-French Public & Separate Schools

CIRCULAR OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 17

1.—There are only two classes of Primary Schools in Ontario ;—Public Schools and Separate Schools ; but, for convenience of reference, the terms English-French is applied to those schools of each class annually designated by the Minister for inspection as provided in 5 below and in which French is a language of instruction and communication as limited in 3 (1) below.

2.—The Regulations and Courses of Study prescribed for the Public Schools, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this circular, shall hereafter be in force in the English-French schools—Public and Separate Schools with the following modifications ; The Provisions for religious instruction and exercises in Public Schools shall not apply to Separate Schools, and Separate Schools Boards may substitute the Canadian Catholic Readers for the Ontario Public School Readers.

3o. Subject, in the case of each school, to the direction and approval of the Chief Inspector, the following modifications shall also be made in the course of study of the Public and Separate Schools :

THE USE OF FRENCH FOR INSTRUCTION AND COMMUNICATION

(1). In the case of French-speaking pupils, French may be used as the language of instruction and communication ; but such use of French shall not be continued beyond Form 1, excepting that on the approval of the Chief Inspector it may also be used as the language of instruction and communication in the case of pupils beyond Form 1 who are unable to speak and understand the English language.

SPECIAL COURSE IN ENGLISH FOR FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS

(2) In the case of French-speaking pupils who are unable to speak and understand the English language well enough for the purposes of instruction, the following provisions are hereby made :

(a) As soon as the pupil enters the school he shall begin the study and the use of the English language.

(b) As soon as the pupil has acquired sufficient facility in the use of the English language he shall take up in that language the course of study as prescribed for the Public and Separate schools.