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FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

As soon as the County Fund is apportioned in any County (or District), each Inspector is requested to transmit, by mail or otherwise, to the Trustees, the MEMORANDUM attached to each County Fund cheque.

THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

TEACHERS who intend to enter the Normal School at its next session, will bear in mind that the institution opens on the first Wednesday in November. Students will not be admitted after the first week in the session, except at the option of the Principal.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

ON the THIRD MONDAY in October, each school section is required by law to hold its annual school meeting. The "Third Monday" falls this year on the 19th day of the month. There is something grand in the thought that one day in the year is thus set apart for the assembling of the people in each town, village, and rural district of the province, to adopt measures for placing the benefits of a good education within the reach of the children of each community. The necessary and permanent elements of a people's prosperity—*intelligence, industry, and morality*—sanction and enforce this duty now so explicitly devolved upon every Nova Scotian by the Law of his country. The man of wealth and the man of small means meet in common assembly to discharge an obligation to the youth of their community. Such combined action is an eloquent answer to the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The very nature of the social compact, wisely apprehended, requires each member of society cheerfully to recognize and fulfil the injunction of holy writ: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

We propose to offer a few suggestions to our readers in connexion with the October school meetings.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.—Each Board of Trustees should be fully prepared to lay before the school meeting a report of the condition of the school for the past year. This report should contain an accurate and detailed statement of the income and expenditure of the section during the closing school year, and a careful estimate of its requirements for the ensuing year. Clear and distinct information placed before the rate-payers, will enable the meeting to transact intelligently the important business for which it has assembled. It may assist Trustees to mature their estimates if we place before them the distribution of the County Fund for the last two Terms—the summer of 1867 and the winter of 1868, a complete school year. The amount paid to Trustees from this fund depends upon the average number of pupils in attendance for the full term.

COUNTY FUND.—RATE PER PUPIL IN ATTENDANCE FULL TERM.

	Summer Term, 1867.	Winter Term, 1868.	Total for a year.
Annapolis Co.....	\$1.40	\$1.35	\$2.75
Antigonish Co.....	1.56	1.76	3.32
Cape Breton Co.....	1.18	1.31	2.49
Colchester Co.....	1.20	1.16	2.36
Cumberland Co.....	1.31	1.28	2.59
Digby Co. { Digby.....	1.28	1.75	3.03
{ Clare.....	1.30	1.50	2.80
Guysboro' Co. { Guysboro'.....	1.87	2.44	4.31
{ St. Mary's.....	1.23	1.90	3.13
Halifax Co.....	1.25	1.62	2.87
Hants Co. { West Hants.....	1.33	1.64	2.97
{ East Hants.....	1.14	1.28	2.42
Inverness Co.....	1.41	1.38	2.79
King's Co.....	1.32	1.29	2.61
Lunenburg Co. { Lunenburg... 1.32	1.32	1.22	2.54
{ Chester.... 1.49	1.58	3.07	
Pictou Co.....	1.43	1.33	2.76
Queen's Co.....	1.43	1.60	3.03
Richmond Co.....	1.64	1.60	3.24
Sheburne Co. { Shelburne... 1.67	1.72	3.39	
{ Barrington... 1.18	1.57	2.75	
Victoria Co.....	1.22	1.09	2.31
Yarmouth Co. { Yarmouth... 1.16	1.38	2.54	
{ Argyle.... 1.33	1.71	3.04	

Trustees of sections recognized by the Boards of Commissioners as poor sections, received *one-third more* per pupil than the sums given above. By consulting their school Register, any Board of Trustees can learn what the average attendance of the past year has been.

The following are the rates for the full school year, paid direct to Teachers by Government:—

First class Male Teachers, \$120.	First class Female Teachers, \$90
Second " " 90.	Second " " 60.
Third " " 60.	Third " " 45.

Licensed assistants, if provided with a separate class-room, receive two-thirds of the above sums, according to their class of license. Teachers and assistants employed in sections recognized by the Board of Commissioners as poor sections, receive *one-third more* from Government than the sums above named.

From the statements we have now given in reference to the Provincial Grant and the County Fund, every Board of Trustees, by the exercise of a little thought, may know with sufficient accuracy what amount will be required to supplement the teacher's salary. The other requirements for the support of the school can be settled without much difficulty. Any deficit arising from expenditure unauthorized by the previous school meeting, should be included in the estimate submitted by the trustees. It is quite proper that the rate-payers should freely discuss the recommendations of the trustees, and the Board should be prepared to give prompt and detailed information to the meeting. But it is not proper for any rate-payer to occupy the time of a school meeting in discussing whether the means required shall be raised by assessment or subscription. The meeting has nothing to determine in reference to the *mode* of raising school funds. The statute has determined that; the meeting determines the *amount* only.

The following extract from the Law shews for what purposes the meeting may vote money:—

"Any sum required by any section over and above the sums provided by the Province and County for the support and maintenance of a public school or schools during the year—including the purchase or improvements of school grounds; the purchase, erection, furnishing, cleaning or repair of school-houses and out buildings; rent of buildings or lands; insurance on school property; the purchase of fuel, prescribed school books, maps, and apparatus; the payment of interest on money borrowed by the section; teachers' salaries, or any other expenses required in providing an efficient public school or schools, in accordance with this act—shall be determined by a majority of the rate-payers present at a regularly called school meeting; and any amount so determined shall be a charge on the section, and shall be levied on the real and personal property within the count of the residents of the section according to the county rate-roll."

NOTICES.—Trustees are reminded that the Law requires them to give due notice to the section of the time and place of the annual meeting:—

"The annual school meeting for the election of trustees, or a trustee, shall be held in the school house of the section, or if not commodious, or if its use cannot be obtained, or if there is none, in any other convenient building, on the third Monday in October; the meeting to be called by the trustees, or, where none exist, by the inspector, by notices posted in three public localities within the section, five days previously, signed by the trustees or the inspector, as the case may be."

The following is a suitable form of

NOTICE.

The resident rate-payers of _____ School Section, No. _____, are hereby notified that the Annual School Meeting will be held, as required by law, on the 19th day of October, in _____, at _____ o'clock, — M. A full attendance is requested.

(Date.)

_____ } Trustees.

In sections where there are no trustees, it will be seen that the notices must be issued by the county inspector.