

Ottawa, August 1, 1906.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. returning the cheque for \$56.54 sent you in favour of Miss Irene E. Nelson, teacher of the Port Elgin school, for June quarter last, and asking that a new cheque in her favour for \$75 be issued for that quarter.

In reply I beg to say that Miss Nelson's returns for the year ended June 30, last, show that her school was kept open as follows:-

Sept. qr.	28 days,	closed 37,	out of 65 days.
Dec. "	54 "	" 11 "	" " " "
March "	60½ "	" 4½ "	" " " "
June "	49 "	" 16 "	" " " "
Total	191½ "	68½	

If Miss Nelson will refer to paragraph 5 of the instructions to teachers on the back of the quarterly school return, she will see that her school should be kept open at least 216 days in the year and that the aggregate number of holidays, including Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, must not, therefore, exceed 149 days. She taught only 191½ days out of the 216, as shown by the above statement, leaving 24½ days

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