


9. The exact age of pupils on the first day of August is asked for with several objects in view. (1) It is good to cultivate the habit of accuracy. (2) It will make the register valuable as a record of ages should other records be lost—valuable as an exact historical record from which the birth days of those enrolled can at any time be calculated. (3) By having the exact age at the beginning of the school year (a fixed date) the age of each at the end of the year or at any specified period can be found by adding a year or the specific time. (4) It is the intention of the department occasionally, perhaps every five or ten years, to find the average age of pupils in the different grades in each county and in the province for the purpose of studying certain problems. If ages are not registered exactly they are perfectly useless for the purpose of indicating minute secular variations.

10. Any teacher who neglects the posting up of the Register promptly from quarter to quarter, as indicated in the Register itself; or who at the end of his or her service does not complete the Register as indicated definitely at the bottom of page *nine*; and then makes the prescribed oath containing the words "the prescribed Register has been *faithfully* and *correctly* kept by me," shall have his or her license cancelled by the Council of Public Instruction on the receipt of the proof of such false swearing. Before the oath is taken to the Annual Return both the Teacher and Secretary of the Trustees must have signed the certificate at the bottom of the said page *nine*.

 Remember that the Returns are *copies* of specified portions of the Register which must be filled in *exactly* according to the *directions*; otherwise the prescribed oath cannot be taken.

Assistants.—It must be remembered that assistant teachers cannot draw any Provincial Grants without making oath in statutory form, as in the case of principal teachers. Such affidavits must be attached to the returns in the blank space provided for the oaths of substitute teachers.

When a teacher does not expect to remain in the Section after the close of the School, his or her Post Office address for the month following should be endorsed on the returns, say, on the right hand blank margin of the "Oath of Teachers," in case the Inspector should require to communicate with the teacher regarding some point in the "return" or in the payment of the Provincial grant. If this precaution is neglected, the teacher alone will be held responsible for delay in the payment of moneys occasioned thereby.

CORRECTION :—In the Journal of Education for October, 1893, John LeBlanc, No. 41, in list of teachers for North Inverness, is credited with teaching 94 days and receiving \$23.58; it should be 36 days and \$9.06. Rev. John Calder, No. 1, South Inverness, is charged with \$53.18; it should read \$24.18.