

Writing and Drawing. (7.) Copy book. Drawing cards, outline maps of Europe, Asia and Africa.

(8.) Copy book, Drawing cards, maps of the Provinces of the Dominion.

Latin. (Optional,) (8.) Smith's *Principal Latina*. Part 1.

Lessons in Nature. (7.) Science of common things extended; e.g., dew, frost, springs, heat, the thermometer. Classification, location and industrial uses of minerals of Nova Scotia; study of plants continued; characteristics of a few families observed and described. Insects—general classification and special study of those which are injurious to agriculture and horticulture.

(8.) Simple explanation of breathing, circulation of the blood and digestion. The elementary principles of Chemical and Agricultural Science as in prescribed primers. Study of minerals extended. Investigation of plant life and structure continued; methods of grafting and propagation of best varieties of fruits, cereals and vegetables. Study of animal life and structure continued; characteristic features of improved breeds of domestic animals, their proper treatment in relation to warmth, food and exercise.

NOTE.—Payson, Dunton & Scribner's and Beatty's Copy Books may be used in connection with the course in accordance with the following adaptations:

PAYSON DUNTON & SCRIBNER'S SERIES.

Class	Grade	No. of Copy Book.
1	1	Printing &c on Slate.
	2	Nos. 1 & 2.
2	3	" 3
	4	" 4
3	5	" 5
	6	" 6
4	7	" 7 & 8
	8	{ " 7 & 12 Boys. " 9 & 11 Girls.

No. 10 is thrown out as not required.

BEATTY'S SERIES.

Class	Grade	No. of Copy Books.
1	1	
	2	Nos. 1 & 2
2	3	" 3 & 4
	4	" 5
3	5	" 6
	6	" 7
4	7	Boys " 8 & 9 Girls 9.
	8	" " 8 & 9 " 9 (10 & 11*)

* 10 & 11 optional.

TEXT BOOKS.

Comment.—In performing the duty of selecting and prescribing text-books for the Public Schools, the Council is anxious to avail itself as fully as possible of the knowledge and experience of those who are practically engaged in the work of Education. It will, therefore, be glad to receive suggestions as to text-books from Inspectors and Teachers. These suggestions should be made through the Superintendent of Education. School officers are reminded that laudatory notices of non-prescribed texts, when given by them to publishers and their agents for advertising use, are misleading and often seriously prejudicial to the interests of Education.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED FOR THE USE OF PUPILS.

ENGLISH.

Reading and Spelling. (1.) The Royal Series. Primer, Readers I—VI.

(2.) The Maritime Series. Primers, Readers I—VI.

NOTE.—In sections where French is the vernacular language, and where the Trustees desire that English should also be taught, the French-English Readers of the Royal Series will be found very serviceable.

(3.) Spelling-book Superseded—*English Edition.* (The mutilated American edition of this excellent work is replaced by

the English edition, which teachers will find all that our schools require. The retail price will not exceed twenty-five cents.)

Grammar and Composition. (1.) McCabe's English Grammar (till Nov. 1st 1882. A new text in course of preparation.)

(2.) Dalglish's Introductory Text Book of English Composition.

(3.) Dalglish's Advanced Text Book of English Composition.

Geography. (1.) Calkin's Introductory Text Book.

(2.) " " School Geography of the World.

History. (1.) Calkin's History of British America, (in press ready for Schools Sept. 1st, 1882.)

(2.) Brief History of England.

(3.) Collier's History of the British Empire.

[The Council of Public Instruction has taken steps to secure, if possible, as a substitute for this work a cheap edition of Swinton's Outlines of the World's History. October *Journal of Education* will contain further announcement.]

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic. (1.) Kirkland and Scott (elementary.)

(2.) Hamblin Smith (advanced.)

Algebra. Todhunter's Algebra for Beginners.

Geometry. Hamblin Smith's Euclid.

[First four books with exercises is provided as a special edition for Nova Scotia schools.]

Navigation. Evers' Theory and Practice of Navigation.

Practical Mathematics. Chambers'.

[The Council designs to prescribe at as early a date as practicable a cheap but compendious treatise on Applied Mathematics, superseding the foregoing texts on Navigation and Practical Mathematics, the one of which is rather elementary and the other cumbersome and comparatively costly.]

Book-keeping. Eaton and Frazee.

SCIENCE.

1. Science Primers. [McMillan's Series.]

- [1.] Physical Geography.—Geikie.
- [2.] Geology.—Geikie.
- [3.] Botany.—Hooker.
- [4.] Physiology.—Foster.
- [5.] Astronomy.—Lockyer.

2. Tanner's Agricultural Chemistry [Edited by Dr. Lawson.]

3. Nelson's Inorganic Chemistry.

4. Wormell's Natural Philosophy.

DRAWING AND WRITING.

Industrial Drawing.—Walter Smith's Drawing Series.

Writing.—Payson, Dunton, and Scribner's Copy Books, Beattie's Copy Books, the Royal Series of Copy Books.

[The Council does not think it necessary to prescribe a single series of Copy Books, but requires that one or other of the above series be *exclusively* used in any one School. P. D. & S's series is both cheap and excellent. Beattie's is an admirably graded series.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS BUT NOT PRESCRIBED FOR PUPILS.

Dr. Edward Smith's Manual of Health [Popular Science Series.]

Dr. Asa Gray's *How Plants Grow.*

Newton's Manual of Zoology [Christian Knowledge Series.]

N. A. Calkin's [Boston] Primary Object Lessons.

NOTE.—Prang's Natural History Series of botanical and zoological drawings and cards is accompanied by an excellent manual. Trustees are strongly advised whenever practicable to supply their schools with this truly excellent series. A. H. McKay, Esq., B. S'c., will read before the Provincial Educational Association in July "Notes on the Natural History of the new Course of Study," which it is hoped may afterwards be expanded into a treatise for the use of teachers.