

SECTION VII.—TERMS, VACATIONS, DAILY EXERCISES AND HOLIDAYS.

1. There shall be four Terms each year, to be designated, the Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn Terms. The Winter Term shall begin the seventh of January, and end the Tuesday next before Easter; the Spring Term shall begin the Wednesday after Easter, and close the last Friday in June; the Summer Term shall begin the second Monday in August, and end the Friday next before the fifteenth of October; the Autumn Term shall begin the Monday following the close of the Summer Term, and shall end the twenty-second of December.

2. The Exercises of each day shall not commence later than 9 o'clock, a.m., and shall not exceed six hours in duration, exclusive of all the time allowed at noon for recreation, and of not more than ten minutes during each forenoon and each afternoon. Nevertheless, a less number of hours for daily teaching may be determined upon in any Grammar School, at the option of the Board of Trustees.

3. Every Saturday shall be a holiday; or if preferred by the Board of Trustees and Head Master of any Grammar School, the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday in each week shall be half holidays. The anniversary of the Queen's birth day shall be a holiday in all the Grammar and Common Schools of Upper Canada.

4. The public half-yearly examinations required to be held in each Grammar School by the eighth clause of the twenty-fifth section of the Consolidated Grammar School Act, 22 Vict., cap. 63, shall take place, the one immediately before the Christmas Holidays, and the other immediately before the Summer vacation.

5. [Union Grammar and Common Schools are subject to the regulations affecting holidays and vacations in Grammar Schools.]

6. Any teacher of a Grammar or Common School shall be entitled to five of the ordinary school-teaching days of each year to be selected by such teacher, for the purpose of visiting and observing the methods of classification, teaching and discipline practised in other schools than that in which he or she teaches.*

* Each Grammar and Common School Master and Teacher must give at least one week's notice to the Trustees; and, in addition, the Grammar School Master must communicate with the Educational Department, so that he may not be absent during the visits of the Inspector to his School. In order that no loss of apportionment may accrue to any school in consequence of the Master's absence under this regulation, a proportionate amount of average attendance will be credited to the school for the time so employed by the teacher; but under no circumstances can lost time be lawfully made up by teaching on any of the prescribed holidays or half holidays, nor will such time be reckoned by the Department.