

NO. 10. AGREEMENTS WITH TEACHERS MUST BE UNDER SEAL.

"The Court of Queen's Bench has decided that a *written* document signed with the Corporate seal is the only legal proof of an agreement between a School Corporation and a Teacher. Particular directions and cautions are given on this point in the forms and instructions accompanying the School Acts; and you should have attended to it when you made the verbal agreement with the individual Trustees in question. The law provides carefully for the protection of teachers, but it cannot protect them unless they make agreements according to law with their Trustees. Seals can be made in Toronto for about \$3 each.

"The Court of Queen's Bench has also decided that a Teacher has no claim upon the Trustees for any salary on account of non-payment of what is due him, after the amount of an arbitration between him and his Trustees. The mode of proceeding in an arbitration is fully pointed out in the Trustees' School Manual, pages 50-52."

2. OFFICIAL CIRCULAR TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS, BOARDS OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that I have sent to the County Clerk, for yourself, and for distribution among the Schools under your superintendence, a copy of each of the following Documents:

1. Annual Report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for 1856.
2. General Catalogue of Books for Public Libraries, in Upper Canada.
3. Catalogue of Illustrated Books for Prizes in the Public Schools.
4. The School House, its Architecture, external and internal arrangements, &c.
- 5-6. Also, some copies of the School Manual and Descriptive Catalogue of Maps and Apparatus for distribution to the Trustees of such of the sections as may apply to you for a copy.

I have requested the County Clerk to reserve for each Superintendent a number of copies equal to the number of Schools in each township. An early application on your part, will, however, be desirable, in order to obviate any mistakes or inconvenience in obtaining the requisite number of copies for your Schools. I have taken the number of School Sections (not schools in operation) reported last year as the basis of my distribution. I have also sent a few extra copies to supply deficiencies.

As the documents now sent have been prepared with much care, and are designed to supply valuable information to the entire section, you had better suggest to the Trustees the importance of keeping them among the official documents of the Section in the School house, or in the School Library, in order that they may be easily accessible, not only to the trustees themselves, but also to the inhabitants at large. Where these reports and documents are kept in private houses their identity as public property is soon lost, besides the difficulty of being able to decide in what part of the section they may be found when required.

The work on the School House and its Architecture is designed, as you will see in the prefatory note, to supply a deficiency long felt in the schools.

The General Catalogue of Books for Public Libraries has been carefully revised and enlarged. It now embraces the entire field of English literature—divided, in a convenient form into books for general reading, and those for reference only. The Catalogue of Illustrated works for prizes in schools is equally attractive.

Apart from the gratuitous furnishing of Official Reports, Journal of Education, Catalogues, Registers and other School documents, each School Section in the remotest Township of Upper Canada can thus obtain books for a library in every de-

partment of science and literature, and school maps and apparatus of every description, at lower prices than they can be obtained at retail in the cities of London, Edinburgh, Boston or New York; in addition to which I add one hundred per cent. to whatever sum or sums are provided by municipal or school authorities from local sources for the purchase of those books, maps, and school apparatus.

I trust that your influence will be exerted to see that the school divisions within your jurisdiction are duly supplied as far as possible, with these instrumentalities of school improvements, intellectual culture, and social enjoyment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. RYERSON.

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Toronto, February 1858.

3. OFFICIAL CIRCULAR TO HEADS OF COLLEGES AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTES IN UPPER CANADA.

SIR,—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin having kindly placed at my disposal for gratuitous distribution in Upper Canada a number of copies of his work on Logic, I shall have great pleasure in sending you a copy of the work for the Library of your Institution.

In addition, I shall also be happy to send for the Library a copy of each of the following Reports and Documents, so far as the copies I have on hand will allow:

The Educational Museum and School of Art and Design in Upper Canada.

Canada at the Paris Exhibition.

The School House, its Architecture, external and internal arrangements, &c.

General Catalogue of Books for Public Libraries in Upper Canada.

Catalogue of Illustrated Books for Prizes in Schools.

Annual School Reports for past years.

Descriptive Catalogue of Apparatus, &c.

Journal of Education for Upper Canada.

General Regulations for Public Libraries.

Grammar and Common School Acts,

And any other documents at the disposal of this Department.

Please let me know the address of the party to whom the parcel should be sent.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. RYERSON.

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Toronto, February, 1858.

4. EAST INDIA COMPANY'S SERVICE. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

(Copy.)

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
TORONTO, 20th February, 1858.

SIR,—I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, to transmit for your information a copy of the "Canada Gazette," of this date, in which is published a notification of an examination, to take place in July, of candidates for the service of the East India Company.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

R. T. PENNEFATHER,
Governor's Secretary.

The Chief Superintendent of Education, Toronto.

The following is the notification referred to:—

(Copy of Circular.)

Downing Street, 26th Jan., 1858.

SIR,—I transmit to you, enclosed, a printed notification of an examination, which is to take place in July next, of candidates for