

REG. 11. Candidates failing to make a pass in the grade applied for may be ranked as making a pass on the next grade below, provided 75 per cent. of the *minima* be made; and as making a pass on the grade second below, provided 50 per cent. of the *minima* be made.

REG. 12. Each candidate shall receive from the Superintendent of Education a certificate containing the marks given in each subject by the examiners and the High School Grade which the candidate has successfully passed.

REG. 13. Candidates for High School Provincial Certificates will be expected to pass the various grades in order. Candidates will not be admitted to the examinations of the higher grades without evidence of their proficiency in the subjects of the preceding grades.

REG. 14. The subjects, number, and values of the papers for the different examinations, and the general scope of examination questions, are indicated by the prescribed High School curriculum which follows. Examination may demand description by drawing as well as by writing in all grades.

[See, "*High School Curriculum*" under heading "*Courses of Study for the Public Schools of Nova Scotia.*"]

### PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

We publish here the rules to be observed in writing at the Provincial Examinations, so that teachers may have an opportunity of so training prospective candidates that they may neither suffer loss of marks nor of papers on account of neglecting formalities necessary for the prompt and accurate handling of many thousands of papers in a very limited time.

No envelopes shall be used to enclose papers. One hour is the maximum time allowed for writing each. One sheet of foolscap will therefore hold all that will be necessary to be written on any paper, if it is properly put down. Candidates who are unable to understand these rules, or if understanding them prove to be incapable of carrying them out in reasonably good form, will show thereby a lack of qualification for a Provincial certificate which will be taken into account when the examiners are valuing the paper.

### PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION RULES.

1. Candidates shall present themselves at the examination room punctually half an hour before the time set for the first paper of the Grade for which they are to write; at which time the deputy examiner shall assign each a seat, and a number which shall represent the candidate's name, and must therefore be neither forgotten nor changed. The candidates who *present* themselves shall be numbered from 1 onwards in consecutive order (without a hiatus for absent applicants, who cannot be admitted after the numbering) beginning with the A's, then coming to the B's, C's and D's in order.

2. Candidates shall be seated before the instant at which the examination is fixed to begin. No candidate late by the fraction of a minute has a right to claim admission to the examination room, and any candidate leaving the room during the progress of any examination must first send in his or her paper to the deputy examiner, and not return until the beginning of the next paper.

3. Candidates shall provide themselves with (for their own exclusive use) pens, pencils, mathematical instruments, rulers, ink, blotting paper, and a supply of good heavy foolscap paper of the size thirteen inches by eight.

4. Each candidate's paper must consist of one sheet of such foolscap, which may be written on both sides, and must contain no separate sheets or portions of sheets unless inseparably attached so as to form one paper. Neat writing and clear concise answers are much more likely to secure high values from examiners than extent of space covered or a multiplicity of words.

5. Each such paper must be *exactly* folded, 1st by doubling, bottom to top of page, pressing the fold, (paper now  $6\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 inches); 2nd by doubling again in the same direction, pressing the fold flat so as to give the size of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  x 8 inches.

6. Finally the paper must be exactly endorsed as follows: A neat line should be drawn across the end of the folded paper one-half an inch from its upper margin. Within this space,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, there must be written in very distinct characters, 1st, the letter indicating the grade, 2nd, the candidate's number, and 3rd, a vacant parenthesis of at least one inch, within which the deputy examiner shall afterwards place the private symbol indicating the station. Immediately underneath this space and close to it should be neatly written the title or subject of the paper.