

5. PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATES AND THE INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

The undersigned has the honour to recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that, in accordance with a suggestion of the Central Committee of Examiners, Pupils of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools holding Provincial Certificates as Public School Teachers, shall be considered as having passed the Intermediate Examination.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department,
14th December, 1876.

Copy of an Order in Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1876:—

Upon the report of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 13th of December, 1876, the Committee of Council advise that High School pupils, holding Provincial Certificates as Public School Teachers, shall be considered as having passed the Intermediate Examination.

Certified.

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Asst. Clerk Executive Council, Ontario.

15th December, 1876.

6. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS.

Copy of an Order in Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 24th day of November, A.D. 1876.

The Committee in Council have had under consideration the annexed report of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 20th of November, 1876, respecting the appointment of Mr. G. W. Ross, Public School Inspector for Division No. 1, County of Lambton, and Mr. James Hughes, Public School Inspector for the City of Toronto, as members of the Central Committee of Examiners, and advise that the said report be acted upon.

Certified.

(Signed) J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council, Ontario.

25th November, 1876.

The undersigned begs respectfully to recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the following:

That the Central Committee of Examiners appointed by the Education Department is now composed of Professor Young, with three High School Inspectors and two Public School Inspectors; that the two last were appointed in order to carry out the recommendation of the late Council of Public Instruction, who thought it expedient that Public School matters would be better represented by the introduction of some Public School Inspectors; that for the first time in July last, the new Regulations respecting Intermediate Examinations in High Schools were tried, and these Intermediate Examinations are prescribed to take place half-yearly; that the number of Candidates at the July Examination was 1676, of whom 234 were successful; that these examinations impose new duties upon the High School Inspectors, and absorb a larger part of their time; that the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools which should be half-yearly inspected by them now number 101; that the inspection of Separate Schools is also placed under them so far as the opportunity permits, but it is desirable that as a general rule, these schools should be inspected by the High School Inspectors, as being altogether removed from any possible conflicting interest; that the undersigned has occasion to confer with the Central Committee on many subjects of a scholastic nature, amongst which are included the examination of text and Library books before being authorized for purchase in connection with the High and Public Schools, and that the number of books which are annually submitted by the booksellers and also by the Depository Branch of the Education Department is very large, and would probably exceed 1000 volumes per annum. The undersigned, on assuming charge of the Department, found that no less than 3000 volumes of such books remained for such examination. That in considering the different suggestions emanating from Teachers' Associations throughout the Province, and the opinions expressed by Trustees and Boards of Education, which would involve certain changes in relation to such matters as text-books, the programme of studies, teachers' certificates and the like, the undersigned would find great advantage in conferring with the Central Committee if the Public School element in it were added to; that additional strength is required to properly conduct the examination for teachers' certificates, and in many subjects, especially those peculiarly relating to the manage-

ment of Public Schools, and the methods and principles of teaching, great assistance could be obtained from examiners so experienced as Public School Inspectors.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned respectfully recommends that two additional members should be added to the Central Committee, to be chosen from the Public School Inspectors, and that the Committee of Examiners so constituted should be subject to such directions as from time to time may be given by the undersigned, in connection with the performance of such duties as may be assigned to them by the undersigned in reference to the subjects referred to, and the undersigned would respectfully recommend that, in addition to Mr. Glashan and Mr. Tilley, Public School Inspectors, Mr. G. W. Ross, Public School Inspector for Division No. 1, County of Lambton, and Mr. James Hughes, Public School Inspector for the City of Toronto, be also appointed members of the Central Committee of Examiners.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department, Ontario,
Toronto, 20th November, 1876.

7. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

CLASSIFICATION AND GRANT ON THE BASIS OF INSPECTION.

The Official Regulations of the Department provide that the High School grant shall be distributed as follows:—

- I. A grant in the payment of a fixed allowance to each school.
 - II. A grant on the basis of average attendance.
 - III. A grant on the results of inspection.
 - IV. A grant on the results of the Intermediate Examination.
- Under head III. the grant for the last half year of 1876, viz. \$5,000, is apportioned as follows:—
- Six schools shall receive \$163.13 each, namely, Brantford, Galt, Hamilton, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Toronto.
- Thirteen shall receive \$118.00 each, namely, Berlin, Bowmanville, Clinton, Cobourg, Collingwood, Kingston, London, Peterborough, Port Hope, Port Perry, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Whitby.
- Four shall receive \$92.00 each, namely, Barrie, Napanee, Newmarket, Paris.
- Sixteen shall receive \$66.00 each, namely, Almonte, Belleville, Brampton, Elora, Goderich, Ingersoll, Kincardine, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Perth, Stratford, Strathroy, Walkerton, Waterdown, Welland, Woodstock.
- Four shall receive \$52.00 each, namely, Brockville, Dundas, Grimsby, Vankleek-hill.
- Four shall receive \$39.00 each, namely, Guelph, Markham, Park Hill, Richmond Hill.
- Twenty-seven shall receive \$26.00 each, namely, Arnprior, Aylmer, Caledonia, Drummondville, Gananoque, Iroquois, Lindsay, Listowel, Mitchell, Morrisburg, Newburg, Norwood, Oakville, Pembroke, Picton, Port Dover, Prescott, Sarnia, Simcoe, Smithville, Sydenham, Thorold, Trenton, Wardsville, Weston, Williamstown, Windsor.
- The remaining schools are entitled to no share of the \$5,000, but merely to \$200 each for the half-year, 50 cents per unit of average attendance, and any sums that may be awarded to them on the results of the intermediate examination, namely, Alexandria, Beamsville, Brighton, Bradford, Cayuga, Colborne, Cornwall, Campbellford, Chatham, Carleton Place, Dunnville, Farmersville, Fergus, Hawkesbury, Kemptville, Newcastle, Niagara, Oakwood, Omemeo, Orangeville, Port Rowan, Pakenham, Renfrew, Streetsville, Stirling, Smith's Falls, Uxbridge, Vienna.

8. MEETINGS OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION WITH THE TEACHERS AND TRUSTEES.

The Honourable the Minister of Education attended meetings of the Teachers, Trustees and other friends of Education in most of the Counties of Ontario during the last few months. At these meetings addresses were delivered by the Minister on Educational Topics, followed by a free discussion by those present. Where time permitted, the Minister visited the local institutions. The principal subjects of discussion were High School support, the training of Teachers, and Township Boards. Reports of several of these meetings have already appeared in the *Journal*. The more recent meetings were held as follows:—27th October at Brantford; 28th at Milton; 3rd November at Paisley; 10th November at Stratford; 17th November at Cobourg; 18th November at Brockville; 24th November at Hamilton; 25th November at Ingersoll. The proceedings of these important meetings will be more fully noticed in the next number, as the law requiring the publication of the approved book lists prevents our having the necessary space at present.