

thorough science course for grade B be adopted. The grade A work is declared to be essentially college work and should be kept where it belongs. This is eminently a wise suggestion. It would have been well if it had been adopted when the school curriculum was revised. The abnormal relations existing between schools and the colleges are due chiefly to the fact that the high schools have been trying to do the work that belongs to the colleges. The schools are not equipped for it. The teachers have not time for it; The work is necessarily crowded and cramped. If the schools carry the student to the grade of matriculation, they do well. To attempt more proves to be a severe tax on student and teachers.

3. Mr. McKay asks that the professional training of the academic teachers should be obtained partly in the college and partly in a post-graduate course provided by the college. This seems to be a reasonable suggestion, but it could not be easily carried out in practice. We are informed that the average term of service in the High Schools and Academies is ten years and that there is an annual call for only six or eight new grade A teachers. This does not indicate work enough to make it worth while for the colleges to re-arrange their course and provide additional teachers to meet such a limited demand. It would be better to organize in the Normal School special professional and technical courses for graduates from college. This might require some reorganization of the School and perhaps one or two new teachers. Students scarcely prepared to enter college and students who have completed the four years of study in college ought not to be classed together. This reconstruction of the Normal School would mark a distinct advance in the educational system of the Province.

4. The examinations in Science, it is said, should be examinations in the laboratory work under the eye of the teacher. This is in agreement with the most approved methods of education at the present time. The recommendation is made that the laboratories should be visited from time to time by competent persons to see if they are properly equipped and the record of experiments is properly kept. This in principle is very good, but it might not be easy to secure such inspection.

That the candidates for the Grade A license should be required to perform laboratory work under the inspection of a competent Provincial Examiner, is commendable and there is no serious difficulty in reducing the suggestion to practice.

On the whole the recommendations of Supervisor McKay indicate improvements in our educational system that ought to be effected at an early date.

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