

Schools in Ontario. When the application of the new principle of "payment by results" (authorized by the Act of last year), will come into force, it will necessitate a more thorough and satisfactory system of instruction than at present exists in many of the High Schools.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

The question is sometimes asked if it be necessary that an assistant teacher should hold a legal certificate. We reply: It is absolutely necessary that he should hold one. The law expressly declares that every person receiving any part of the School Fund as teacher shall hold a legal certificate of qualification. The Superior Courts have also decided that trustees cannot legally levy a rate for the payment of a teacher who does not possess the necessary qualifications as such under the School laws.

NEW SCHOOL MANUAL.

In answer to various inquiries on the subject of a new School Manual we would say, that it is not thought desirable to publish a School Manual at present. Such a Manual should include in it the official regulations, but as they will not be revised until about the close of the present year (1872), or later, they cannot be embodied in the manual until then.

We would state, however, that the whole of the School Law and the general official regulations will be found in this Journal for May and June, 1871. Copies of these journals, when published, were sent by mail and addressed to each school corporation in Ontario. The supply is, however, now exhausted.

TRUSTEES' INCOMPLETE RETURNS.

Some Inspectors complain of the very great incompleteness of many of the school reports received from Trustees of rural sections, and ask what they should do with them? By reference to the reports themselves, Trustees will see that the Inspectors are directed to return to them all incomplete or incorrect reports. The law declares that a School Section shall forfeit its share of the School Fund, should its Trustees fail to furnish the Inspector with a full and satisfactory report yearly and half yearly. It will, therefore, save the Inspectors a good deal of time and trouble, and the Department some delay, if the Inspectors will promptly return to the Trustees all imperfect reports, so as to have each column correctly filled up. Should an Inspector's Reports to this Department be incomplete, they will have to be returned to him so that the desired information may be obtained.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS AND REQUISITES.

Application having been frequently made to the Department for the supply from its Depository of Sunday School Library and Prize Books, Maps and other requisites, it is deemed advisable to insert the following information on the subject.

1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Ontario. Books, Maps, and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.

2. The admirable books published in England by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i. e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents Canadian currency, and so on in proportion.) These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday Schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodists, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the list would be too extensive to publish separately.

3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c., not desired which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.

"OLD COUNTY BOARD" CERTIFICATES.

The question is often asked: "Can the present Board of Examiners recall the old County Board Certificates?" We reply: They cannot recall any of the old County Board Certificates which were given for life, or for a term of years. They can, however, at the proper time, recall those which were given for an indefinite time, or during the pleasure of the Board; that is those which on the face of them clearly show that they were given subject to such recall. The Department has in all cases requested the Board of Examiners not to recall these latter certificates *this year*, nor until the supply of teachers is more equal to the demands of the schools than at present.

THE ACT OF 1871 AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

In reply to a question frequently asked, we desire to say that the new School Act and Regulations do not in any way affect the Separate Schools. It was not intended to affect them when the Act was passed; and it would be unjust to the supporters of these Schools thus to legislate for them indirectly, and without their knowledge. The Inspectors will, therefore, be particular not to apply the Act, or any of the new Regulations to Separate Schools.

AUTHORIZED TEXT BOOKS.

The list of the authorized Text Books for High and Public Schools, so far as completed by the Council of Public Instruction, is published in the *Journal of Education* for October, and on a separate sheet. Inspectors, Trustees and Teachers will please see that these books are used in the schools.

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