

## THE NEW N. B. SCHOOL MANUAL.

A new school manual has been issued, or rather a new edition of the old one, with some additions. There is probably no book published in New Brunswick more widely and perhaps more numerously circulated than the Manual of the School Law. Whatever school property retiring trustees and secretaries may surrender, they never give up their school manuals; and as school boards are constantly changing, there is a constant demand for these books and of the latest issue.

The school law has not only promoted the education of the children of the province, but it has developed a decided taste in certain and numerous ratepayers within its bounds for the study of law, and, as the text-book has been supplied free and is convenient in form as well as easy of reference, many of these local lawyers have acquired a commendable degree of proficiency in theory as well as an occasional opportunity for practice.

Few take the trouble to master the whole text, but the study given to certain sections and the interpretation placed upon them have been at least remarkable, and have furnished occupation from time to time to judges, lawyers, school inspectors and even the Board of Education.

A few changes and some additions have been made, some of which will be noted in full and others briefly indicated in this review. For fuller particulars our readers are referred to the manual itself.

REGULATION 10 provides for the lease of school buildings by trustees, and except under exceptional conditions requires that the buildings owned by them be first utilized.

REGULATION 20 provides for six weeks, summer vacation in country districts and eight weeks in cities and incorporated towns. It is needless to remark that this regulation will meet with approval.

REG. 31.—*Licensing of Teachers: 3. Times and Stations of Examination:* (1) Examinations for admission to the Normal school shall be held each year at Fredericton, St. John, Moncton, St. Stephen, Chatham, Bathurst, Campbellton, Woodstock, Andover, and such other places as the Board of Education may hereafter determine on the first Tuesday of July, beginning at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

(2) Closing examinations shall be held each year at Fredericton, St. John and Chatham, beginning at 9 o'clock, a. m., on the second Tuesday in June. For student teachers in the French department, and other candidates for third class license, a closing examination for third class only shall be held at Fredericton twice each year, beginning respectively on the Tuesday next preceding the last Friday of May and on the Tuesday next preceding the week in which Christmas falls. All candidates, other than those presented by the principal of the Normal school, who are required to be ex-

amined in reading at the Fredericton station, shall present themselves in the Assembly Hall of the Normal school at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the day immediately preceding the date fixed for the opening of the written examination, for examination in reading.

REG. 32.—(1) *Normal School Entrance Examinations:* These shall include the following subjects for all classes, viz., reading, spelling, writing, English grammar and composition, geography, history, arithmetic (including the keeping of accounts), and elementary natural history. Candidates for the first and second classes will also be required to pass examinations on the first book of geometry (Hamblin Smith's), and on algebra, including the elementary rules and simple equations of one unknown quantity.

Female candidates will not be required to pass the examinations in geometry and algebra until 1895.

REG. 32.—*Latin:* At the closing examinations in 1895 and thereafter candidates who may wish to qualify themselves for the principalship of superior schools will be required to pass an examination in elementary Latin grammar, and one book of Cæsar, or its equivalent.

REG. 32.—REMARK 2.—Candidates for grammar school license will be allowed the privilege, upon application to the Chief Superintendent six weeks before the date of examinations, of being admitted to examinations on a stated part only of the subjects of the syllabus. Examinations on the remaining subjects must be passed the following year. No certificate shall be issued until all the requirements have been met.

This is a change which the REVIEW has for some time advocated, and by the provision made many of our hard-worked teachers will be enabled to work for grammar school license.

REG. 33.—*Licenses of the Third Class:* 1. Licenses of the third class bearing date subsequent to December 31st, 1893, shall be valid for only three years. When any such license has expired, it may be renewed by the Chief Superintendent on conditions to be prescribed by the Board of Education.

The attendance at the Normal school is divided into two terms. In view of the present scarcity of teachers, a student by an attendance of one term may obtain a license of the third class. These licenses are only tenable for three years.

REG. 44.—*Enrolment of Pupils in Standard I:* No pupil shall be enrolled (except by transfer) for admission to Standard I later than two weeks after the opening of the school in any term.

This regulation will meet with the unqualified approval of all interested in our primary schools. The REVIEW has always strenuously urged such a measure.

REGULATION 45 provides for grammar school leaving examinations and university matriculation examinations, the scheme of which the REVIEW has already outlined.

While the REVIEW may take occasion to comment more at length upon some of the changes made, it