

nal circumstances. All, however, agree that a system of Inspection is indispensably necessary for the maintenance of an efficient system of education. The Act provides an Inspector for each county in the Province. The school grant is not diminished to provide remuneration for these Inspectors beyond what was formerly appropriated to the Commissioners' Clerks,—the balance required being paid from the Provincial Treasury.

3. The officers' duties are enumerated in the Act. They are at once weighty and responsible, and demand for their faithful discharge sound attainments, both literary and professional.

The finest points in all the branches of a common-school education, as well as the end of education itself, and the fit means for attaining that end, require to be practically known and appreciated in order to determine with confidence whether a school is well or ill taught, and to be able to point out any defect and suggest the proper remedy. These officers require, also, to be familiar with all matters of detail relative to school premises, school organization, classification, appropriation of time,—in short all that pertains to both the external and internal of the school. They should have, too, full command of their time, that they may be able to spend at least three hours in every school twice during the year. In a majority of counties, this would occupy five or six months, irrespective of the time that must be devoted to the other duties of the office.

4. Schools competing for the superior school grant must be inspected twice each term,—once early in the term, and again toward its close.

5. Trustees, Teachers, and others, requiring information concerning educational matters, should freely consult the Inspectors.

XV. OF COMMISSIONERS.

1. Existing Boards are competent to discharge the duties devolved upon Commissioners, until new Boards shall be appointed. The first-named in the new commissions, or, if unable to serve, the next in order, are to serve as Chairmen of the Boards until the regular meetings in the autumn of 1866.

2. The following are the times fixed by the Council of Public Instruction for the semi-annual meetings of the Boards, beginning in May, 1866 :—

First Tuesday in May and November : Halifax City, Lunenburg, South Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis West, Hants West, Colchester, Cumberland, North Pictou, Guysboro', South Inverness, Cape Breton, Victoria, Richmond, Kings, Antigonish.

Three days later than the preceding Boards : Halifax West, North Queens, Barrington, Argyle, Clare, Annapolis East, Hants East, Stirling, Parrsboro', South Pictou, St. Mary's, North Inverness, Chester.

Second Tuesday in May and November : Halifax East, New Dublin.

Halifax Shore, *three days later than Halifax East.*