

## COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

NOVA SCOTIA.

Regulation 23 (b) is amended by the addition of the sentence:

"In an emergency and on the special recommendation of the Inspector, a University graduate in Arts or Science who holds a teacher's license of a class lower than First (Class B), may be provisionally employed as a principal of any graded school for a period not exceeding one year, after which he will cease to be eligible for any such position without an advance in class of license, until he is regularly qualified."

"Ordered, that Regulation 136 (April Journal of Education, page 39) be construed to include for the present school year, the attendance of teachers at the Provincial Educational Association, whose legal teaching term would otherwise begin on the 22nd August, provided that under no circumstances, more than eight weeks of vacation during the school year shall be allowed any School.'

A. H. MACKAY, Sec'y. C. P. I.

Halifax, 20th August, 1904.

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## September Magazines.

Littell's Living Age (Boston) has every week one article or more from leading magazines in Great Britain dealing with the situation in the Far East, and of great interest to Canadian readers. The number for August 27th contains an estimate of the Tsar, showing his weak and arbitrary character, by a high Russian official. The same number has an article on Russia At Sea and at Home from the London Economist. In the Age for September 3rd there is an admirably written account from Blackwood's Magazine on the War in the Far East..... In the September Atlantic Goldwin Smith furnishes a notable résumé of the character and work of Oliver Cromwell, whom he styles the Great Puritan; Duncan Campbell Scott, of Ottawa, contributes a poem-To the Heroic Soul; and there are stories; papers on timely topics, reviews of current literature, and an excellent Contributors' Club..... The Canadian Magazine contains a leading article on the Revolution in Paraguay, and other topics of interest. There are two stories for children, and two by W. A. Fraser and Guy de Maupassant. The departmental features are as interesting as usual, especially Mr. Cooper's comments on athleticism and Canada's recent victories in shooting, rowing and yachting.....According to Dr. Wolf

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von Schierbrand, writing in the September Delineator, the curious and appalling discrepancy between the lot of the grande dame in Russia and that of the women of the middle or lower classes is the result, not so much of greater wealth, as of a complete reversal of standards. The Russian aristocracy is cosmopolitan, and its women are, like the women of the powerful advancing nations of western Europe, an independent force, leading in society and domestic life; but the women of the bulk of the nation are still Oriental, and more the slaves than the helpmates of their husbands. The condition of these women is miserable in its degradation and hopelessness. As the author concludes: "Their outlook and their opportunities seem to be less advanced and their social status on a lower plane than in almost any other European country."