

the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with the respectful recommendation that the said Sydney A. Fisher, Esq., of Knowlton, be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners for the district of Bedford.

Letters were also read from H. Hubbard, Esq., Secretary Board of Examiners, Sherbrooke, William Gibson, Esq., Secretary Board of Examiners, District of Bedford, and C. A. Cleveland, Esq., Secretary Board of Examiners Richmond, all on points connected with the recent examinations for School Diplomas, but requiring no action on the part of the committee.

The minutes of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the Joint-Committee for framing examination papers were read, in which some suggestions were respectfully made to the committee, and explanation asked on some doubtful points.

The following memoranda drawn up by Dr. Dawson in regard to the matters referred to by the Joint-Committee were "read and approved and directed to be sent to the *Journal of Education* for insertion along with the Regulations for the Examination of Candidates for Teachers Diplomas,—also with a request to the Superintendent of Education that a thousand extra copies be given to the secretary for circulation, and that space be allowed in *Journal of Education* for occasional publication of examination questions."

1. "It appears that some Boards give full marks for reading. Others find the candidates very defective in this important subject. It is recommended that much attention be given to accuracy and style of reading."

2. Boards of Examiners will observe that it is imperative that the fees should be prepaid. The Examiners are authorized to expend so much as may be necessary of the fees for stationery and books, and for hiring examination-room, if necessary, and for travelling expenses of Examiners from a distance,—any surplus to be transmitted by the Secretary of the Board with an account of expenditure, and number of candidates entitled to re-examination without Fee to the Secretary of the Committee on or before December 1st in each year.

3. Under the Head "2 special (a)," "Elementary Diploma,"—the two thirds required is the aggregate of Art of Teaching, History of England and History of Canada. It is also understood that candidates for French certificates are held to pass in the English Branches. Should Candidates offer knowing French only without English, these may be examined, but such cases must be regarded as altogether exceptional, and their acquaintance with French only, must be specially mentioned in their Diploma. It is understood that all French Teachers of Protestant Schools are expected to know English as well, and that the French in the Model School and Academy Examination is imperative on all. Teachers, however, may be allowed to answer the questions in French, and may have the questions translated to them at the discretion of the Examiners. Further "in the (b) Model School Diploma," "use of Globes, or Linear

Drawing" should be number 9, and "in (c) Academy Diploma" "Natural Philosophy" or Scientific Agriculture" should be number 7, and Art of Teaching number 8.

4. Special attention is directed to the requirement on the part of Elementary Teachers of an examination in the Art of Teaching, and in Canadian and English History, and it is suggested to republish the regulations with these explanations in an early number of the *Journal of Education* to be sent to all schools, and to each member of the Board of Examiners. It is also requested that a thousand extra copies be placed in the hands of the Secretary for distribution.

5. It is suggested that specimens of the Examination-Papers might be occasionally published in the *Journal of Education* for the information of Teachers and intending candidates, and that copies remaining over after the examinations be circulated by the Secretary."

"On the reading of the Report of the Joint-Committee of Examiners, the secretary was directed to convey to them the thanks of this committee for their efficient action in the matter, and to inform them that attention will be given to their suggestions."

After the Secretary had read some notes on his recent inspection of Academies and Model Schools, it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Dawson, and unanimously resolved:—

"That the Superintendent be requested to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Weir and Mr. Emberson in addition to the salary of two hundred and fifty dollars previously voted."

It was further moved by Mr. Heneker, seconded by Judge Dunkin, and unanimously resolved:—

"That this committee having had satisfactory proof of the value of Inspection as regards the schools of the Province, under their care beg to urge on the Government the desirability of increasing the grant for this purpose with the hope that no modification of the Grant will be made without consultation with this committee."

A memorandum submitted by Dr. Dawson on School at Esquimaux River, Labrador, asking a grant from Elementary Education Fund was referred to the Superintendent of Education with a request for favourable consideration.

The Hon. James Ferrier stated that, as requested, he had an interview at Ottawa with Mr. Langton in regard to the arrears of the Marriage-License money but that all action in reference thereto was refused except through the Quebec Government. The Committee consisting of the Hon. James Ferrier and Dr. Cook was continued with the request that they urge the Quebec Government to press the attention of this matter on the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 28th August, or sooner, if necessary, on the call of the Chairman.

GEORGE WEIR,
Secretary.