

In view of the many and important changes made in the School Law by the "Act relating to Public Instruction" passed at the last meeting of the Legislature, and published below, a mid-summer edition of the Journal of Education will be issued, containing Revised Regulations of the Council. This will be placed in the hands of Trustees and Teachers in ample time to enable them to make all necessary arrangements for the ensuing year.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Passed 30th day of April, A. D., 1892.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. Sub-section 15 of section 3 of chapter 29, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, "Of Public Instruction," is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(15.) To appoint qualified persons to constitute a Provincial Board of Examiners to examine and report upon the written exercises at the annual examination of pupils who have pursued a high school course of study at the County Academies, high schools, or elsewhere, the results of such examinations to be used as evidence of scholarship in the case of application to the council for licenses to teach. The council shall also have power to prescribe the mode in which examinations shall be conducted, to designate the times and places at which candidates shall present themselves for examination, and to make such further arrangements as may be deemed necessary. The examiners so appointed shall be paid such sums as the council may determine, and the persons appointed to conduct the examination at each station shall be paid a sum not exceeding three dollars per diem while actually engaged in the duty."

2. Section 6 of the said chapter 29 is amended by inserting the word "annually" after the word "trustees" in the third line.

3. Sub-section 1 of section 31 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

"(1.) To contract with and employ a licensed teacher or teachers for the section, and where necessary licensed (or unlicensed) assistants for a period not less than one year, or if the section be poor, not less than three months. Provided, however, that for special cause, with the consent of the inspector, trustees may employ a teacher for a term less than a year."

4. Section 39 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"The sum of one hundred and sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars for each school year shall be paid semi-annually or as the Council of Public Instruction may prescribe, to legally qualified teachers employed in the common schools in accordance with law, to be divided to each teacher in conjoint proportion to the number of days taught and to the following scale for the respective grades or classes of license held, namely, Class A (Academic)—in the case of a principal two hundred and twenty dollars, and in the case of a subordinate teacher one hundred and eighty dollars—when employed in a graded school doing high school work under conditions prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction in a section not maintaining a County Academy; Class B (first), one hundred and twenty dollars; Class C (second), ninety dollars; and Class D (third), sixty dollars."

5. Section 43 of the said chapter 29 is amended by striking out the words "one-half" in the tenth line, and the syllables "semi" in the eleventh line.

6. Section 44 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

"44. The amount provided to be raised annually as aforesaid shall at the close of each year be apportioned to the trustees of schools conducted in accordance with this chapter, to be applied to the payment of teachers' salaries, and each school shall be entitled to participate therein at the rate of twenty-five dollars per year for each licensed teacher employed, and the balance of the municipal fund shall be distributed among the schools according to the average number of pupils in attendance and the length of time in operation, but no school shall receive any allowance for being in operation more than the prescribed number of days in any year."

7. Section 48 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

"48. A sum not exceeding one-half the amount assessed as a county rate in any municipality for the support of schools may be advanced from the Provincial Treasury to the municipality for a period not exceeding four months, and the municipality shall repay to the Province such sum out of the municipal taxes when collected."

8. Section 63 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

"63. The annual school meeting for the election of a trustee or trustees shall be held in the school-house of the section, or if it be not commodious, or if its use cannot be obtained, or if there is none, in any other convenient building, on the last Monday in June, or at any previous date which may for special reasons be

"fixed for any inspectorial district, county or section, by the Council of Public Instruction," the meeting to be called by the trustees, "or when none exist, by the inspector, by notices posted in three public places within the section five days previously, signed by the trustees, or the inspector, as the case may be."

9. Section 69 of the said chapter 29 is amended by striking out of the tenth and eleventh lines the words "which date shall not be later than the fourth Monday of October."

10. Section 72 of the said chapter 29 is amended by striking out of the eleventh line of sub-section 1 the word "half," and substituting for sub-section 12 the following:

"(12.) To transmit to the superintendent on or before the first day of August in each year a statement of the annual distribution of the county fund, and also by the first day of October a general report of his labors, noting the condition of the schools in his district, and the means of improvement, stating the sections visited where schools did not exist and the results of such visitations, and furnishing therewith such statistical information as the superintendent may require."

11. Sub-section 9 of section 74 of the said chapter 29 is hereby amended by striking out the word "half" in the first line.

12. Sub-section 12 of section 74 of the said chapter is hereby amended by substituting for the words "the half-yearly return" in the first and second lines, the words "all returns."

13. The schedule in sub-section 12 of section 74 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

SCHEDULE.

I, ——— a duly licensed teacher of class ——— of the Province of Nova Scotia, do swear that I have taught and conducted the school in ——— School Section No. ———, in accordance with law, for the period of ——— authorized teaching days, from the ——— day of ——— to the ——— day of ———, during the school year ending July, 189—; that the prescribed register has been faithfully and correctly kept by me, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the grand total days' attendance made by the enrolled pupils in the said period was ———; that my agreement with the trustees is in accordance with the law and regulations, and that there is no collusive understanding by which any portion of the agreement is to be made of no effect.

—————Teacher.

Sworn to at ——— this ——— day of ——— A. D. 189—
before me, ——— J. P.

14. Section 76 of the said chapter 29 is amended by substituting for "November" in the sixth line the word "August,"

15. Section 77 of the said chapter 29 is amended by substituting for "June" in the second and last lines the word "April" and for "November" in the last line the words "the school year."

16. Section 90 of the said chapter 29 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

"The school year shall begin on the first day of August and end on the last day of July."

17. Section 3 of chapter 31, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, is hereby amended by striking out of the seventh line the word "half."

18. Section 4 of the said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the second line.

19. Section 5 of the said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the first line.

20. Section 3 of chapter 32, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, is hereby amended by striking out the word "half" in the sixth line.

21. Section 4 of the said chapter 32 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the second line.

22. Section 5 of the said chapter 32 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the first line.

23. Section 7 of chapter 11 of the Acts of 1885 is amended by adding the following clause:

"But nothing in this section shall prevent the payment of the regular Provincial grant to any teacher, teaching full time, whose employment and quota of pupils (not less than an average of twenty) are not necessary to qualify for drawing the County Academy grant payable to Trustees, where such grant is less than the maximum of seventeen hundred and twenty dollars."

24. Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1887, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

25. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of November 1892 and for all purposes under the Acts respecting public instruction the period between the said first day of November and the last day of July, 1893, shall be held to be three-fourths of a school year.

THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION of the United States will meet at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July 12-15, 1892. E. H. Cook, of Flushing, N. Y., is President, and Dr. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, is Manager for Nova Scotia. This is, perhaps, the most important annual educational meeting in the world. Saratoga is more accessible than Toronto, where the N. E. A. met last summer. The railways have agreed upon one fare for the round trip there and return. They also advertise several excellent side-trips at low rates. For Bulletin with full information address—C. W. Bardeen, Publishers, Syracuse, N. Y.