



OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The number of Teaching Days for the current term closing Oct. 31st is 111; for the City of Halifax, 104.

The number of Teaching Days for the ensuing term, beginning Nov. 1st is 117,—for the City of Halifax, 114.

Trustees and Teachers should not fail to notice that according to Regulation, the next ensuing Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 23rd, 1882, and that the Schools resume work on January 8th, 1883. Any schools kept open between those dates will not be recognized.

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION.

Candidates for Teachers' Licenses will observe the following changes in requirements:—Under Grade D, the requirement in History will henceforth read; History of England as contained in *Brief History of England*, and History of Nova Scotia as contained in Calkin's *History of British America*, particularly Chapters III, V, VIII (in part) IX (in part), X, XI, XII, XIV, XVII, XVIII, XX, XXII, XXIII, XXVI (in part) XXVII (in part).

Under Grades C and B the following will be substituted for present requirements in Nova Scotia and British American History. "To be familiar with the History of British America as contained in Calkin's *History of British America*."

INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INSPECTORS.

- District No. 1, the City and County of Halifax—Hinkle Condon, Halifax.
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 " Language and History.....J. B. Hall, Ph. D.
 " Mathematics and Physics.....F. H. Eaton, M. A.
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Miss Ollie A. Smith.
 Head Master of Model School.....B. McKettrick, A. B.

Copies of Regulations and By-laws of Institution can be at all times obtained on application to the Principal.

The next annual session begins November 1st. Formal opening November 8th.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of each of the School Sections in Inspectoral Districts Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 10 are hereby notified that the Inspectors' Certificates and Trustees' Memoranda for drawing the County Fund apportionment will, when ready for distribution, be deposited directly with the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

TEXT BOOKS.

Comment.—In performing the duty of selecting and prescribing text-books for the Public Schools, the Council is anxious to avail itself as fully as possible of the knowledge and experience of those who are practically engaged in the work of Education. It will, therefore, be glad to receive suggestions as to text-book from Inspectors and Teachers. These suggestions should be made through the Superintendent of Education. School officers are reminded that laudatory notices of non-prescribed texts, when given by them to publishers and their agents for advertising use, are misleading and often seriously prejudicial to the interest of Education.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED FOR THE USE OF THE PUPILS.

ENGLISH.

Reading and Spelling. (1). The Royal Series. Primer, Readers I—VI.

(2). The Maritime Series. Primers, Readers I—VI.

NOTE.—In sections where French is the vernacular language, and where the Trustees desire that English should also be taught, the French-English Readers of the Royal Series will be found very serviceable.

(3). Spelling-book, Superseded—*English Edition.* (The mutilated American edition of this excellent work is replaced by the English edition, which teachers will find all that our schools require. The retail price will not exceed twenty-five cents).

Grammar and Composition. (1). McCabe's English Grammar till July, 1883. (A new text in course of preparation).

(2). Dalglish's Introductory Text Book of English Composition.

(3). Dalglish's Advanced Text Book of English Composition.

Geography. (1). Calkin's Introductory Text Book.

(2). " School Geography of the World.

History. (1). Calkin's History of British America.

(2). Brief History of England.

(3). Collier's History of the British Empire.

[The Council of Public Instruction has in course of preparation a cheap edition of Swinton's Outlines of the World's History.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic. (1). Kirkland and Scott (Elementary).

(2). Hamblin Smith (advanced).

Algebra. Tedhunter's Algebra for beginners.

Geometry. Hamblin Smith's Euclid.

[First four books with exercises is provided as a special edition for Nova Scotia schools].

Navigation. Evers' Theory and Practice of Navigation.

Practical Mathematics. Chambers'.

Book-keeping. Eaton and Frazee.

[A new text in the Elements of Practical Mathematics has been sanctioned by the Council of Public Instruction to replace the foregoing text in Navigation and Practical Mathematics. Though about ready for press, its issue will scarcely be in time to serve this year's candidates for teachers licenses.]

SCIENCE.

1. Science Primers. [McMillan's Series.]

[1.] Physical Geography.—Geikie.

[2.] Geology.—Geikie.

[3.] Botany.—Hooker.

[4.] Physiology.—Foster.

[5.] Astronomy.—Lockyer.

2. Tanner's Agricultural Chemistry [Edited by Dr. Lawson.]

3. Wilson's Inorganic Chemistry.

4. Wormell's Natural Philosophy.

Industrial Drawing.—Walter Smith's Drawing Series.

Writing. Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Copy Books, Beattie's Copy Books, the Royal Series of Copy Books.

[The Council does not think it necessary to prescribe a single series of Copy Books, but requires that one or other of the above series be *exclusively* used in any one School. P. D. & S.'s series is both cheap and excellent. Beattie's is an admirably graded series].

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS BUT NOT PRESCRIBED FOR PUPILS.

Dr. Edward Smith's Manual of Health [Popular Science Series.]

Dr. Asa Gray's *How Plants Grow*.

Newton's Manual of Zoology [Christian Knowledge Series.]

N. A. Calkin's [Boston] Primary Object Lessons.

NOTE.—Prang's Natural History Series of botanical and zoological drawings and cards is accompanied by Calkin's manual of object lessons. Trustees are strongly advised whenever practicable to supply their schools with this truly excellent series.

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