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## I. Proceedings of the Education Department.

### 1. TEACHERS' EXCURSION TO THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

Copy of an Order in Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the 30th day of August, 1876.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed report of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 25th of August, 1876, with reference to the visit of the Teachers and others to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and advise that the recommendation contained therein be concurred in.

Certified.

(Signed) J. G. SCOTT,  
Clerk Executive Council, Ontario.

31st August, 1876.

The undersigned respectfully begs to report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, as follows:—

1. The Ontario Association for the Advancement of Education have, through a Committee of their number, applied to the undersigned that, in cases where Teachers desire to visit the Centennial, this may be done without any forfeiture of the Government Grant for such days as the schools may not be open in consequence.

2. The Committee of the Association, in their communication to the undersigned, dated the 24th instant, urge several grounds in support of their application, the chief of which are as follows:—

(1) "They would be able to inspect the Educational appliances, apparatus, school furniture, &c., of the various nations of the world, as represented at the Exhibition."

(2) "They could examine and compare with our own the results of Public School teaching in the different parts of the United States, as they are exhibited by means of examination papers written by the pupils and specimens of drawing, writing, &c. They could also familiarize themselves with the processes by which these results have been obtained."

(3) "They would have the opportunity of visiting the Public Schools of Philadelphia while in session, and witnessing the modes of grading, disciplining and teaching adopted in them."

(4) "They would have the privilege of attending the meetings of the National Institute for teachers, and of there meeting and exchanging views with the educational representatives from different parts of the world."

(5) "The whole exhibition, containing, as it does, specimens of the chief natural and manufactured productions of the world, and showing the highest results yet obtained in many departments of science and art, would form a grand object lesson, the effects of which in developing the minds of teachers, and through them those of their pupils, it is impossible to estimate. It would give them

vast amount of practical knowledge, which would greatly aid them in teaching many subjects, especially commercial geography and natural history."

3. The Committee also shews that it was not possible for the teachers in any numbers to visit the exhibition during the summer vacation, by reason of some being engaged in passing examinations for certificates, and some as examiners; and their attendance at the annual Provincial Convention, which is justly regarded as a duty of paramount importance, also absorbed a considerable part of the vacation, and there was the additional reason that until within the last two or three weeks, the Railway Companies were not prepared to make as reasonable arrangements as now for excursion parties to the exhibition.

The Committee propose that trustees, scholars and others interested in Educational progress should also be entitled to join in their proposed visit.

4. The undersigned considers that the Educational interests of the Province will be promoted by teachers and others visiting the exhibition, and in this view would respectfully recommend that His Honour in Council may be pleased to authorize that, in cases where teachers may obtain the requisite permission from the respective Boards of Trustees to visit Philadelphia, on the occasion referred to in the communication of the Committee of the Provincial Association of the 24th of August, and in consequence of which any school may not be open, the days on which such school is so necessarily closed, may be deemed by the Education Department as meeting days, under the General Regulations in that behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,  
Minister of Education.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,  
August 25th, 1876.

### 2. ADMISSION TO THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The undersigned respectfully begs to report for the consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the following Supplementary Regulations, in regard to the Normal Schools, namely:—

In order to increase the facilities of third-class and other teachers, to better qualify themselves for the discharge of the duties of their profession, the Minister of Education respectfully recommends the adoption of the following additional regulations, relative to the admission of students to the Toronto and Ottawa Normal Schools, respectively:—

I. Candidates for admission to either of the Normal Schools, at Toronto or Ottawa, shall have the preference for admission in the following order:

1. Those who have attended either of the Normal Schools during any former session.
2. Those who hold a Public School teacher's certificate of any grade.
3. Those who hold temporary certificates or permits as teachers, or certificates as assistants, or monitors in Public or High Schools.
4. Those who desire to enter the profession of teaching.

II. The third and fourth classes of applicants mentioned above, shall be required to pass the prescribed entrance examination. Those in the first and second classes shall be admitted without such examination, on presentation to the Principal of the prescribed certificate of good moral character.