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UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION.

The leading universities and colleges of the Province have agreed to accept the Grade XI or Junior Leaving High School certificates in lieu of their matriculation examination, when the certificate indicates a pass on each subject required by the particular matriculation standard concerned. For example, the university may fix 50 or 60 per cent., more or less, in Latin, Greek or any other subject as *its* standard. Again, a candidate may fail to make a "pass" High School Certificate through a low mark in the subject not required for matriculation yet make sufficiently high marks, as shown by his "examination record," on the subjects required to admit him to the university. This constitutes a practical affiliation of the Public High Schools with the Universities, which will save division of energy in many high schools, while it will place each of the Universities in the some relation to the public schools.

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TEXT BOOK.

In performing the duty of selecting and prescribing text books for the Public Schools, the Council of Public Instruction has availed itself as fully as possible of the knowledge and experience of those who are engaged in the practical work of education. The sole aim of recent modifications has been to secure at a reasonable cost, a series of texts *adapted for use in schools*. Change in authorized books is *in itself* a very undesirable thing.

Instructors and teachers are reminded :—

(1) That the course of study for common schools encourages an economical expenditure for the text books by providing a system of oral instruction for junior classes. Too many teachers try to satisfy themselves in respect to their more youthful pupils by placing in their hands text books not needed in any case, and worse than useless when unaccompanied by proper oral exposition. A text book should not be required for a child until he is prepared to use it intelligently.

(2) That the regulation which makes it illegal and improper for a teacher to introduce unauthorized texts, by no means hinders him from giving his pupils the benefit of other treatises to whose explanations he may attach importance. The progressive teacher will always have such aids within reach, and will so use them as to impart variety and interest to his instructions.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS.

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COMMON SCHOOL GRADES.

[For the school year ending July, 1907] The *Nova Scotia Readers* I, II and III (Morang & Co., at 15, 20 and 25 cents); IV, V and VI Nelson's, at 25, 30 and 35 cents); Selected Readings for Grades VII and VIII (Mackinlay's, and Allen's at 25 cents). In French sections, French-English Royal Readers. Primer to No. 3. [8 cts., 20 cts., 30 cts., 45 cts respectively.] *Les Grandes Inventions Modernes* par Louis Figuier, 50 cents.

Spelling book superseded.—*English Edition*. (Sullivan Bros.) 25 cents.

Health Readers, Nos. 1 and 2. (T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax.) 20 and 30 cents.

Calkin's Introductory Geography. (A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax, 60 cents.

History of England and Canada. (Copp, Clark & Co.) 30 cents.

Lessons in English. Revised. (A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax.) 30 cents. *Grammaire*

Francaise Elementaire, for the use of teachers in French sections. 30 cents.

Common School Arithmetic. (T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax.) 15 cents each part; 40 cents *three parts* bound in one.

Tonic sol-fa. *School-day Melodies*, by Ada F. Ryan. Parts I and II. 10 cents each.

Writing: Copy Books—*Vertical*, as in Jackson's New Style, 5 cents each; or *medium Sloping* Royal Crown, 4 cents each; or *Royal*, 7 cents each

Drawing Books: Public School Drawing Course. (Canada Pub. Co., Toronto), 5 cents each; or Langdon S. Thompson's, 10 cents each; or Augsburg's Drawing Course as indicated on page 98 of April JOURNAL, 1905; or homemade books of cheap paper, under direction of each teacher for alternate course recommended.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADES.

English Grammar (MacKinlay). 30 cents.

Academic Arithmetic (T. C. Allen & Co.). 40 cents.

Martin's "The Human Body and the Effects of Narcotics." (Henry Holt & Co.) \$1.65.

Calkin's Geography of the World (Mackinlay). \$1.25. Calkin's History of Canada. 50 cents.