

Educational Notes and News.

FROM THE REVISED INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOLS (INCLUDING COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES.)

Until after July, 1885, the candidate will be examined more minutely on the selections in one of the lists given below, the series being at his option. After December, 1885, the selections will be from the Fourth Book of the Series of Readers now being prepared by the Education Department, some of which selections will be changed each half year.

1.—Selections from Ontario Readers.

- (1) The Stage Coach.—*Dickens*.
- (2) The Lark at the Diggings.—*Reade*.
- (3) The Geysers of Iceland.—*Duff*.
- (4) The Story of Le Fevre.—*Serv*.
- (5) The Skator and the Wolves.—*Wh*.
- (6) The Ocean.—*Byron*.
- (7) Autumn Woods.—*Bryant*.
- (8) Sir John Franklin.—*Punch*.
- (9) The Incident at Ratisbon.—*Browning*.
- (10) The Shipbuilders.—*Whittier*.
- (11) The Battle of the Baltic.—*Campbell*.
- (12) The Incident at Bruges.—*Wordsworth*.

2.—Selections from Royal Readers Series.

- (1) Stanzas from "The Princess," p. 13.—*Tennyson*.
- (2) The Unwritten History of Our Forefathers.—*Mackenzie*.
- (3) The Sky Lark.—*Hogg*.
- (4) The Soldier's Dream.—*Campbell*.
- (5) Goldsmith.—*Thackeray*.
- (6) The Charge at Waterloo.—*Scott*.
- (7) Harold Skimpole.—*Dickens*.
- (8) "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep."—*Browning*.
- (9) The Black Hole of Calcutta.—*Macaulay*.
- (10) Sunset Wings.—*Rossetti*.
- (11) The Black Prince at Crecy.—*Stanley*.
- (12) The Water Fairy.—*Swinburne*.

3.—Selections from Canadian Reader Series.

- (1) Ye Mariners of England.—*Campbell*.
- (2) The Taking of Roxburgh Castle.—*Scott*.
- (3) The Town Pump.—*Hawthorne*.
- (4) The Cloud.—*Shelley*.
- (5) The Sagacious Cadi—I. and II.—*Household Words*.
- (6) The Canadian Boat Song.—*Moore*.
- (7) Dare to do Right.—*Hughes*.
- (8) The Death of Wellington.—*Disraeli*.
- (9) A Psalm of Life.—*Longfellow*.
- (10) The Eve of Quatre Bras.—*Byron*.
- (11) The Burial of Sir John Moore.—*Wolfe*.

VALUATION OF THE ANSWERS.

Reading.....	50	Geography.....	75
Writing.....	50	Composition.....	100
Orthography and Orthoëpy. 50		History.....	75
Literature.....	100	Drawing.....	50
Arithmetic.....	100		
Grammar.....	100	Total.....	750

Minimum for pass, 375.

One-third of the maximum of the marks on each paper is also required.

N.B.—(1) Of the marks for writing, 15 will be assigned to the paper on that subject, and a maximum of 5 marks may be assigned for *writing and neatness* in each of the following papers: Orthography and Orthoëpy, Literature, Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, Composition and History. See 13.

(2) The 50 marks for Orthography and Orthoëpy will be assigned to the paper on that subject; but in valuing the answers in Literature, Grammar, Geography, Composition and History, one mark is to be deducted for every mistake in spelling. Such misspelt words are to be indicated by the Examiner, on the candidate's papers. See 13.

(3) Of the marks for Composition, 70 will be assigned to the paper on that subject, and a maximum of 15 to History, and of 15 to Literature. See 13.

(4) Of the marks for Drawing, 25 will be assigned to the paper on that subject, and a maximum of 25 may be awarded as the result of the inspection of the candidate's drawing book. See 15, *Drawing*.

(5) In examining in Reading, the local boards will pay special attention to the following:—Pronunciation, Emphasis, Inflection and Pause. See 12.

(6) As in the case of the Fourth Book and Spelling Paper for December, 1884, the value of the correct answers to the questions set on each paper will exceed the maximum prescribed above, except on Writing, Reading and Orthography, and Orthoëpy. But the papers will be so constructed that a well prepared candidate may obtain the prescribed maximum within the given time.

The object of the preceding regulation is to allow the Departmental Examiners to present a greater variety of questions, and thereby to enable the candidate to show more readily than heretofore whether he is in a condition to benefit by a High School course.

Teachers, Inspectors, and others interested in this examination, are requested to make candidates fully aware of the nature of the foregoing changes.

THIRD-CLASS CERTIFICATES.

1. The subjects for the third class non-professional examination and the marks assigned shall be as follows:—

	Value.	Minimum required.
1. { Reading, oral.....	50	25
{ Reading, principles of.....	50	20
2. Writing.....	75	20
3. English Grammar.....	150	45
4. English Literature.....	150	45
5. Composition and Practical English..	100	35
6. Dictation.....	50	20
7. Arithmetic and Men.uration.....	150	45
8. Mental Arithmetic.....	75	20
9. Algebra.....	100	25
10. Euclid.....	100	25
11. History, English and Canadian.....	100	25
12. Geography.....	100	25
13. Drawing.....	75	20
14. Book-Keeping.....	75	20
15. Physics.....	75	20

2. Candidates taking Music will be allowed a bonus not exceeding seventy-five marks, which will be added to the aggregate of marks obtained in the obligatory subjects; such candidates will also be allowed to take, as an additional bonus subject, one—but not more than one—of the following:—Botany, 75 marks; or Latin, or French, or German, each 150 marks.

3. On taking the minimum number of marks in each subject and fifty per cent. of the aggregate, a candidate shall be entitled to a third class non-professional Certificate.

4. The standard above fixed may be varied by the Education Department to suit the local wants of any County, on representation from the Board of Examiners for the County.

5. In addition to passing the examination as above, candidates for third-class professional certificates must attend a County Model School for at least one term, and pass the examination required in the regulations for County Model Schools.

6. Third-class certificates may be renewed on re-examination, and the County Inspector may award marks (for efficiency and aptitude in teaching), not to exceed 200, to be added as a bonus to the aggregate number of marks obtained in non-professional subjects.

7. In case of an emergency, such as a scarcity of teachers, or for any other special cause, third-class certificates may be extended by the Education Department, on the joint request of any Board of Trustees and the County Inspector.

8. The requirements for the third-class non-professional examination will be limited to the following:—

Reading, Oral.—To read with proper expression; emphasis, inflection and force.

Reading, Principles of.—A general knowledge of the principles of elocution, with special reference to pronunciation. Candidates will do well to consult Ayres' Orthoëpist.