

issued. "A person eligible for examination for School License, desiring to engage in teaching before the time fixed for the examination, may receive from the Chief Superintendent a license of the Third Class for the current term, on condition that such person undergo examination at the time fixed for the same."

The Westmoreland County Teachers' Institute will hold its third Annual Meeting at Dorchester, on the 12th and 13th February.

The time fixed for the Annual Meeting of the (Provincial) Educational Institute is nearly a month earlier than last year—viz., on the 13th, 14th and 15th of July.

It may not be known to many teachers that there is a revised and a greatly improved edition of the prescribed Drawing Books and Cards (Walter Smith's). In this new series, the books of which are numbered consecutively throughout, the exercises are simple, more progressive in their arrangement, and more nicely executed than in the former series. While both the paper and the execution of the work are improved, and the books are of about the same size as before, the price is not increased. The Board of Education has caused the following note to be inserted in the Course of Instruction as published recently: "The revised edition of the Cards and Drawing Books are to be secured when new Cards or Books are needed in the school. Where Cards or Books of the previous edition are on hand they may be used during the ensuing year." There is also a new edition of the Royal Reader, No. 1, containing a supplement, to which reference may be made in a future number of the JOURNAL.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The *Royal Gazette* announces the new arrangements for the Inspection of Schools as follows:

District No. 1.—The City and County of Halifax—Hinkle Congdon.

District No. 2.—The Counties of Lunenburg and Queens—Thos. R. Pattillo, A. M.

District No. 3.—The Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth—A. C. A. Doane.

District No. 4.—The Counties of Digby and Annapolis—Leander S. Morse, A. M.

District No. 5.—The Counties of Kings and Hants—Colin W. Roscoe.

District No. 6.—The Counties of Antigonish and Guysboro'—Roderick McDonald.

District No. 7.—The Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond—Alex. McKinnon.

District No. 8.—The Counties of Inverness and Victoria—John Y. Gunn.

District No. 9.—The County of Pictou, and that part of the County of Colchester not embraced in No. 10—David H. Smith, A. M.

District No. 10.—The County of Cumberland, and that part of the County of Colchester comprised by the District of Stirling and the townships of Economy and Londonderry—W. D. McKenzie.

As a rule, the Press of the Province, both secular and religious, refer to the above arrangements in commendatory terms. The *Chronicle* (Reform) hints that one appointment may have been dictated by political motives, while it candidly admits that the gentleman continued in office has proved himself a thorough good Inspector. The *Herald* (Liberal Conservative) states that "of the new Inspectors, the only one who has not previously filled that office is a Grade A teacher taken directly from the Schools, and that of the others, all with but one possible exception, were Public School Teachers before they were Inspectors." The *Presbyterian Witness*, *Wesleyan*, and *Christian Messenger* (Baptist) express general approval. The latter characterizes the movement as "a great advance."

It is stated on authority that the condition of accepting and retaining office is exclusive devotion to its duties.

The Senate of the University of Halifax met on the 6th of January, in the Legislative Council Chamber. In the absence of the Rev. Chancellor from indisposition, the chair was taken by the Vice-Chancellor, W. J. Stairs, Esq. The following members of the Senate were present, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor: Very Rev. Principal Ross, Rev. Principal Macknight, Rev. R. McDonald, Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Hon. Judge Johnston, Hon. P. C. Hill, Hon. Senator Powell, Professor Higgins, President Inch, Dr. Honeyman, Dr. Lawson, the Superintendent of Education, Dr. Farrell, Dr. A. P. Reid, and Dr. R. S. Black. Much important business was transacted.

The following regulation regarding Text Books was adopted:

"Where several Text Books are in any subject suggested, candidates may read any one of them, or any group of them, as the case may be; but in all such cases the candidates be required to notify the Registrar at the time of transmitting their certificates of the Text Book or Text Books used by them, and the Registrar, in his notification to the examiners in their subjects, shall give a list of all the books used by the several candidates.

The following Committees were appointed: 1.—To appoint Examiners in Arts and Science: The Chancellor, Rev. President Dart, Professor Lawson, Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, Rev. R. McDonald, Rev. Principal Macknight. 2.—To appoint Examiners in Law: Hon. S. L. Shannon, Hon. Judge Johnston, Hon. L. G. Power, Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, Attorney General, the Chancellor. 3.—To appoint Examiners in Medicine: Dr. R. S. Black, Dr. A. P. Reid, Dr. Farrell, the Chancellor.

Rev. Principal Macknight, Rev. R. McDonald, President Inch, and the Registrar were appointed a Committee to report subjects of examination for 1880.

The Report on first B. A. Examination showed that the first prize had not been awarded. The second prize was won by Saml. C. Murray, of Mount Allison; the third by S. Dunn Scott, of Mount Allison; the fourth by J. McKercher, of Montreal.

The Report on the Second B. A. Examination showed that the only candidate had failed. Some discussion arose as to whether his protest against the decision of the Examiners should be read and considered. A resolution to do so prevailed, whereupon the Senate unanimously resolved to sustain the decision of the Examiners.

The Report on Second B. S. Examination was read, showing that the degree of Bachelor of Science, with a place on the First Division, had been obtained by A. H. McKay, Esq., Principal of the Pictou Academy and B. A. of Dalhousie College.

The Report on First LL. B. Examination was approved, as also that on Second LL. B. Examination, the Degree of LL. B. being conferred on Messrs. J. H. Sinclair, J. M. Oxley and W. E. McLellan.

The Report of the Committee on Presentation, recommending that a public presentation be held this year, was adopted, and Wednesday, September 11th, fixed as the day.

A motion of Hon. Senator Power to withdraw Chemistry from the list of required subjects, and place it as an option with History and one or more of the modern languages, was debated at length. The net result of the discussion was the appointment of a Committee, composed of the Chancellor, the Superintendent of Education, Senator Power, President Dart, Professor Lawson, and Dr. Honeyman, to consider the subject and report at the next meeting of Senate, as to the propriety of modifying the B. A. Course in the above regard.

The following were appointed a standing Committee on Text Books:—The Chancellor, Dr. Allison, Rev. Principal Macknight, Prof. Lawson, Hon. L. G. Power, Dr. A. P. Reid, Prof. Higgins, Rev. Principal Dart, President Inch.

The most interesting and spirited discussion of the Session took place on President Inch's motion to open up the privileges of the University to women. The proposal was strongly supported by Professor Higgins and the Rev. Mr. Ambrose. Senator Power spoke in opposition. Professor Lawson inquired if the Statutes of the University do really discriminate against women. Finally the Committee named below was appointed to consider the subject, and report at the June meeting of the Senate:—President Inch, Rev. Principal Macknight, Dr. Lawson, Dr. Farrell, Hon. L. G. Power.

It is understood that the first meeting of the Educational Association of Nova Scotia (see Official Department) will be held at the Normal School, Truro, on the 14th and 15th of July.

There are 119 enrolled pupils at the Provincial Normal School. Of these, one is working for license of Academic Class; thirty-three for Second Class, and the remainder are either working for Third Class, or without reference to immediate obtainment of license.

QUEBEC.

The *Blue Book*, containing the Report of the Superintendent of Education of the Province of Quebec for the scholastic year 1877-78, has lately been issued from the Department of Public Instruction. The volume is quite large, and full of interesting and instructive details on the whole Educational system of the Province. Its contents are:—the Superintendent's Report, addressed to the Provincial Secretary of the Province, with five appendices.

No. I. On Reports of School Inspectors:

No. II. On Normal Schools.