

to this, as well as any other defect for which there is no apparent necessity, he must withhold both the teacher's and the trustees' public grants until the matter is investigated. It is now full time to expect *every* teacher to be able to make out both Register and Return without neglecting a single point required, and without any signs of slovenliness or haste.

Instead of reprinting the cautions and directions bearing on the making out and transmission of "Returns," teachers and trustees are referred to pages 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the April JOURNAL for 1896.

As a case has been reported from one inspectorate of a teacher who left his Register "not legally *completed*" in some respects, although he made the usual affidavit in his "return," "that the prescribed register has been faithfully and correctly kept by me *in every particular* as prescribed," secretaries of trustees are hereby directed to place the register of the previous year in the keeping of the teacher, to be kept within the same cover as the register of the current year, so that inspectors may have an opportunity of detecting cases of this kind should they occur. In the case referred to, the teacher engaged as a teacher next year in another county where the inspector was not aware of his previous conduct. Inspectors are, henceforward, directed to report any such case to the Superintendent of Education, who will publish in the JOURNAL OF EDUCATION the *suspension* or *cancellation* of the License of such teacher with the least delay possible.

Inspectors are directed to pay no public funds that might otherwise be payable to sections neglecting to send him the minutes of annual meeting, neglecting to take legal action on the compulsory clause of the law, neglecting to provide school house and outhouse accommodations as specified in Regulations and Comments F., (pages x. to xvi., Manual of 1895), or neglecting any other clear provision of the law, until the case is duly considered by the Council of Public Instruction.

The same rule applies to the grants otherwise payable to teachers who neglect to conform to the law, whether as regards the course of study, the giving notice of the opening of school, accuracy, neatness and promptness in making and transmitting "returns," etc.

NEW EXAMINATION STATIONS.

The following new stations for holding the Provincial Examinations have been established :—

Bridgewater, Lunenburg County.
Oxford, Cumberland County.
Berwick, Kings County.

The examination station in Clare, Digby County, shall be held at *Church Point*, instead of at *Meteghan*, as formerly.