

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.

(3) Under section 81 (*e*) of the Education Act, school sections can vote money for the purchase of prescribed school books and school trustees are free to arrange to distribute them at cost, at reduced price, or free to all pupils of their schools, or to pupils who cannot afford to buy them.

(4) The school trustees or school boards are the proper parties to take charge of the supply of books; for they are in continual and close touch with the school. They can allow those who desire to own their books to do so; and the deserving indigent can be supplied free. Both oversight and economy can be easily maintained under the management of the local trustees. This scheme may be put into practise with very little effort on the part of the trustees or members of the school board; and a section which once voted the money for school books could have it recouped annually, and so with very little more cost year by year could continue to supply its pupils indefinitely.

(5) Following is a list of the prescribed texts which are to be used in the public schools of Nova Scotia during the school year ending July 31st, 1916.

Books prescribed for Common School Grades.

Nova Scotia Readers.

Primer, Grade I.....	.06
First Book, Grade II.....	.08
Second Book, Grades III and IV.....	.11
Third Book, Grades V and VI.....	.16
Fourth Book, Grades VII and VIII.....	.18

Acadian Readers.

Reader No. 1, Part 1, Grade I.....	.07
Reader No. 1, Part 2, Grade I.....	.07
Reader No. 1, Complete in one volume.....	.20