

July next. Two institutes will open on Tuesday, 10th July, one at Bishop's College; Lennoxville, and one probably at Cowansville; and the remaining two will open on Tuesday, July 17th, one at Iachute, and one probably at Aylmer. In conducting two Institutes simultaneously, it will be necessary to divide the staff of lecturers at each institute. The following will be the subjects of the lectures: Elementary Arithmetic, and methods of presenting numerical and other relations of form to children; Methods of teaching elementary Geography, Grammar, and Reading; School Organization (read chapter in Baldwin's School Management); Study and Teaching, (read chapter in Baldwin's School Management). The conditions upon which certificates are issued will be the same as last year. We again urge upon teachers to note the difficulties which they meet with during the year, and to come to the Institutes prepared to take full advantage of the hour devoted each day to the answering of questions. Further details of the work will be given in future issues.

*The Administrative Commission of the Pension Fund* met at the Department of Public Instruction, Quebec, on Tuesday, 27th December last, and continued in session three days. About ninety new applications for pensions were received and considered, the large majority of which were claimed on the ground of ill-health. A large number of applications had to be refused, and the Commission decided that each pensioner receiving a pension on the ground of ill-health, must produce each year a medical certificate of his continued inability to teach. An abstract of the minutes of the meeting will be published in a future issue.

*Specimens of Pupils' Work, from Superior Schools.*—The specimens of work forwarded to the Department by the Protestant Model Schools and Academies at the close of the last school year, were very satisfactory. Nearly every school complied with the regulations of the Protestant Committee, and, with few exceptions, the specimens submitted reflected credit upon the schools which prepared them. In a few cases it was evident that the specimens had been prepared simply to comply with the regulations. The specimens were carefully examined and marked, and submitted for the inspection of the Protestant Committee. At the September meeting for the distribution of the Government grants, the specimens were laid out in a convenient form for in-