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## IX. Departmental Notices.

### NOTICE IN REGARD TO THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED TEXT BOOKS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

#### I. PROVISIONS OF THE LAW IN REGARD TO TEXT BOOKS IN GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The twelfth, fifteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-fifth sections of the Upper Canada Consolidated Grammar School Law enact as follows:—

12. In each County Grammar School provision shall be made for giving \* \* \* instruction \* \* \* according to a programme of studies and general rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, and approved by the Governor in Council; and no Grammar School shall be entitled to receive any part of the Grammar School Fund, which is not conducted according to such programme, rules and regulations.

15. Such Council shall prepare and prescribe a list of Text-books, programme of studies, and general rules and regulations for the organization and government of the County Grammar Schools \* \* \*

[NOTE. In accordance with this section of the Act the Council of Public Instruction have passed the following order on the subject of Text Books:—The text books for use in the Grammar Schools being prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, the Grammar School Trustees can select such text books from that list as they approve; but in no case can more than one series of books be permitted to be used in a school.]

19. The Chief Superintendent of Education \* \* \* shall see that the County Grammar School Fund apportioned by him, is, in all cases, applied to the purposes hereinbefore prescribed, and that each County Grammar School is conducted according to the rules and regulations legally established.

25. It shall be the duty of such Trustees to see that the pupils of such Grammar School are supplied with proper Text Books \* \* \* and that such School is conducted in accordance with the legally established regulations.

A committee, including the Rev. Doctors McCaul, Ormiston, Barclay, and Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., having been appointed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, to revise the National Readers, and the List of Text Books for Grammar and Common Schools, the Council have passed the following order in regard to that list:

—The Council disapproves of the use, in any Grammar or

Common Schools, of any text book which is not included in the list of Text Books authorized by the Council as provided by law, after the close of the current year (1866.)

In regard to this disapproval of unauthorized Text Books by the Council, the one hundred and twenty-eighth section of the Upper Canada Consolidated Common School Law enacts that—"No person shall use any foreign books in the English branches of education, in any model or common school, without the express permission of the Council of Public Instruction; and no portion of the Legislative School Grant shall be applied in aid of any common school in which any Book is used that has been disapproved of by the Council of Public Instruction, and public notice given of such disapproval."

#### II. OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL LAW IN REGARD TO TEXT BOOKS IN COMMON SCHOOLS.

##### 1. *Duty of the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada.*

The fifth clause of the one hundred and nineteenth section of the Upper Canada Consolidated Common School Law enacts that—"119. It shall be the duty of the Council of Public Instruction \* \* \* (5) To examine, and at its discretion, recommend or disapprove of Text-books for the use of schools." \* \* \*

##### 2. *Duty of the Chief Superintendent of Education.*

The tenth section of the one hundred and sixth section of the Consolidated School Law enacts that—"106. It shall be the duty of the Chief Superintendent of Education \* \* \* (10) To \* \* \* use his best endeavours to provide for and recommend the use of uniform and Approved Text-books in the schools generally."

##### 3. *The Duty of County Boards of Public Instruction.*

The third clause of the ninety-eight section of the School Law enacts that—"98. It shall be the duty of the County or Circuit Boards of Public Instruction \* \* \* (3) To select (if deemed expedient) from a list of Text-books recommended or authorized by the Council of Public Instruction, such books as they may think best adapted for use in the common schools of the county or circuit, and to ascertain and recommend the best facilities for procuring such books."

##### 4. *Duty of Local Superintendents of Schools.*

The sixth clause of the ninety-first section of the School Law enacts that—"91. It shall be the duty of the local superintendent of schools \* \* \* (6) To see that all the schools are managed and conducted according to law—to prevent the use of unauthorized, and to recommend the use of Authorized Books in each school,—and to acquire and give information as to the manner in which such Authorized Books can be obtained, and the economy and advantage of using them.

##### 5. *Duty of City, Town, and Village Boards of School Trustees.*

The fifteenth clause of the seventy-ninth section of the School Law enacts that—"79. It shall be the duty of each Board of School Trustees \* \* \* (15) To see that all the pupils in the schools are duly supplied with a uniform series of Authorized Text-books. \* \* \*

##### 6. *Duty of School Trustees in Rural School Sections.*

The eighteenth clause of the twenty-seventh section of the School Law enacts that—"27. It shall be the duty of the Trustee School Corporation \* \* \* (18) To see that no unauthorized books are used in the school, and that the pupils are duly supplied with a uniform series of Authorized Text-books, sanctioned and recommended by the Council of Public Instruction" \* \* \*

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