

Sweet'sburg, Stanstead, Sherbrooke, Richmond, Three Rivers, Quebec, Paspébiac and Gaspé Village. Candidates are required to produce a certificate of age, and certificate of moral character according to the authorized form.

No candidate is admitted to the examination who is not nearer eighteen than seventeen years of age. At the last examination the failures were chiefly upon Art of Teaching, Physiology and Hygiene, and Composition and English Literature. In the two former subjects, special text-books are prescribed for the examination, and unless the candidates prepare themselves upon these text-books they will find themselves in difficulties at the examination. Certain chapters in Baldwin's School Management have been prescribed for the elementary diploma, and unless candidates are familiar with these chapters they will be placed at a great disadvantage in the examination. The same remark applies to the text-book named for the examination in Physiology and Hygiene. In composition and English Literature, in addition to the ability to write correctly a short descriptive composition, a careful study of the Desereted Village from any school edition with notes, such as Blaikie's ten cent edition, will give all the preparation required.

*Teachers' Diplomas.*—There are two or three points connected with diplomas granted by Boards of Examiners which should receive the attention of School Commissioners and Trustees in the engagement of teachers. 1. Only those diplomas granted by Protestant Divisions of Boards of Examiners are valid for teaching in Protestant schools.

2. Second class elementary diplomas granted during the years 1884, 1885, 1886, were valid for one year only, and have therefore expired.

3. Third class elementary diplomas are valid for one year from date only.

4. Second class elementary and model school diplomas granted after 1st July, 1887, have the same standing and value as first class model school and elementary diplomas granted before that date. The advertisements of school boards for first class teachers should now read "teachers holding first class diplomas or second class under the new regulations."

5. Persons holding diplomas from other Provinces are not eligible for engagement in this province. It is evident from the foregoing statements that school boards should carefully examine teachers' diplomas before engaging the teachers.