

**MARCH ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.**—In some fishing districts it may be found desirable to take advantage of that provision of the law under which the Council of Public Instruction may fix for a given section an earlier date for its annual school meeting than the last Monday of June. If any such cases exist, it is very desirable that these early annual meetings be held on the same day. The last Monday in March is suggested as likely to be the most generally convenient date.

Sections feeling the necessity of an early date for the annual school meeting should, through their trustees, make an application to the Council through their Inspectors *before the end of February*, so that the Inspector may be able to transmit all such applications with recommendations or comments thereon, to the Council of Public Instruction on the 1st day of March, when it is probable action could be taken promptly on them, and due notice given in time for the holding of the meetings on the last Monday of the month.

This suggestion, it is hoped, will enable cases of this kind to be arranged easily and without the delay otherwise necessary.

**BLIND AND DEAF MUTES.**—At the beginning of the term the number of blind and deaf under 20 years (and over 5) belonging to the section, who have not been in attendance at the schools provided for them in Halifax, is required by law to be accurately entered in the Register by the Secretary of the Trustees. To neglect this at the proper time is a sufficient reason to cause the loss of public money to the section.

When such cases are recorded in the Register the teacher is hereby requested to send on a postal card the names and ages of these children with their parents' addresses to the Principal of the School for the Blind or of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Halifax, according to the nature of the case. These gentlemen, whose addresses are given below, can then inform parents concerning what these Institutions (now forming a part of the public free school system virtually) can do for their children.

This notification should be attended to by the teacher as soon as the information can be obtained for the Register, and Inspectors are requested to enquire if it has been done.

Partial as well as total blindness or deafness will entitle such persons to the privileges of these institutions—if the blindness or deafness is only severe enough to prevent the full enjoyment of the benefits of the ordinary public schools.

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