

minutes per day or 1,650 minutes per week, the sum of the minutes in the table should approximate 1,650. It should never be *made* exactly equal to the total figured from (12), because fractions are not directed to be taken into account. Exact equality therefore is not likely to occur without a tampering with some figures after they had been calculated previously from the teacher's best memory and judgment.

9. Column 129 refers to Provincial High School Certificate holders Grade IX. will therefore as a rule be filled with a *naught*. Grade X. with those holding D certificates or licenses, Grade XI. with those holding "C" and Grade XII. with those holding B.

The grades of such High School students should be marked in every Register, on page 3, with an *asterisk* as required in G.—COUNTY ACADEMIES. Reg. 13.

10. On page 3, "grade at beginning" while necessarily filled in as soon as the teacher can provisionally estimate the pupil's "grade," is not to be copied into the *return*. "Pupil's standing" in the *return* is simply the sum of the numbers under "Conduct and Progress" in the Register.

11. The exact age of pupils on the first day of August is asked for with several objects in view. (1) It is good to cultivate the habit of accuracy. (2) It will make the register valuable as a record of ages should other records be lost—valuable as an exact historical record from which the birth days of those enrolled can at any time be calculated. (3) By having the exact age at the beginning of the school year (a fixed date) the age of each at the end of the year or at any specified period can be found by adding a year or the specific time. (4) It is the intention of the department occasionally, perhaps every five or ten years, to find the average age of pupils in the different grades in each county and in the province for the purpose of studying certain problems. If ages are not registered exactly they are perfectly useless for the purpose of indicating, minute secular variations.

12. Any teacher who neglects the posting up of the Register promptly from quarter to quarter, as indicated in the Register itself; or who at the end of his or her service does not complete the Register as indicated definitely at the bottom of page *nine*; and then makes the prescribed oath containing the words "the prescribed Register has been *faithfully* and *correctly* kept by me," shall have his or her license cancelled by the Council of Public Instruction on the receipt of the proof of such false swearing. Before the oath is taken to the Annual Return both the Teacher and Secretary of the Trustees must have signed the certificate at the bottom of the said page *nine*.

 Remember that the Returns are *copies* of specified portions of the Register which must be filled in *exactly* according to the *directions*; otherwise the prescribed oath cannot be taken.