

HUDSON HEIGHTS, Que.  
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Inspector of High Schools  
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the sheets of marks for the School Leaving Examination in Chemistry, - 692 papers; and marks for two supplementals as well, 694 papers in all.

I regret to say that the papers as a whole are much the worst I have read for many years, the failures totaling something like 38%. I am quite at a loss to account for this, except that a large number of papers were exceedingly carelessly written. The question paper was, I thought, of average character and, as you know, was passed by the revisers without comment. My marking was of the same character as in other years. To make sure that it was not abnormal, I got my son who, two or three years ago, was a tutor in Freshman Chemistry at McGill, to look over a few of the papers, and he thought the marks given were liberal, though he knew that I should have liked to "tuck" on a few more.

Do you think it would be advisable to pass pupils down to, say, 44%? This would reduce the failures about 9%.

On Friday I leave for a business engagement in Edmonton, but I shall be away only about ten days; after that, I shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible.

Yours very truly  
N. N. Evans.