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THE Legislature of Prince Edward Island in its session passed several amendments to The Public School Act of 1920. "Children of School Age" shall "mean and include children who at any time in the said school year have attained or shall if living attain the age of six years or any later age up to and including the age of fifteen years."

The Board of Education is enjoined to make provision for the Medical Inspection "of school premises, teachers, pupils and janitors, to appoint school health inspectors, and such assistants to said school health inspectors as may be required and to fix their remuneration to enter into arrangements with the Canadian Red Cross Society or any branch or department thereof for the purpose of obtaining its co-operation and assistance in the work of Medical Inspection and Health Promotion in the schools. They shall also determine the needed qualifications of such inspectors, define their duties and require the teachers and trustees to assist in facilitating this work."

The teacher's salary shall not be paid in full unless the average daily attendance be sixty per cent of the children of the district. This makes an addition of ten per cent to the former requirement for this purpose, but seems to put the responsibility for compulsory attendance on the teacher when it should rest with the Trustees and Parents.

Women who are parents or guardians of children of school age shall be qualified voters at School Meeting and shall be eligible to the office of Trustee.

Provision is made for reports from the trustees and from the teachers to the Chief Superintendent, as shall be required by him.

The scarcity of teachers is also being felt in this Province, for provision is made by this Session for Temporary Licenses of first, second and third class, to be issued by the Chief Superintendent of Education to persons having sufficient attainments. These licenses are to be valid only for the school year in which they are issued. The remuneration to be received by persons holding such license is not to exceed that payable to persons holding permanent licenses of this class.

The Compulsory Attendance clause is also amended. In lieu of the former minimum attendance requirement of twenty weeks for the year each child between the ages of 7 and 13 is required to attend school each month sixty per cent of the days on which the school is open. For each such neglect the penalty shall not exceed \$20.

The Act of 1877 "To Amalgamate the Prince of Wales College and Provincial Normal School" is also amended. The section fixing the salaries of the members of the Faculty is repealed and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council will appoint the members of the Faculty and will fix their salaries and terms of their employment. The wording of Section 14 is also slightly changed and stands at present:

"The Board of Education may make orders and regulations for the control, management, inspection and operation of the said Prince of Wales College and Provincial Normal School, or for more effectually carrying out any of the provisions of this Act, and from time to time may revoke or amend the same as the said Board of Education shall deem expedient, and shall cause copies of this Act with the said orders and regulations to be published and furnished gratuitously to the teachers of all Public Schools in the Province."

"An Act relating to the "Provincial Agricultural and Technical College" provides for the operation of such a vocational school to be controlled and managed by the Commissioner of Agriculture under the direction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The Faculty is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council but the Chief Superintendent of Education shall be required to inspect this school and include it in his Annual Report.

THE Educational Review is just closing one of the most successful years of its history. The appearance of the magazine has been greatly improved. The articles have been so interesting that each number has seemed better than the last. Many letters of appreciation are received telling how much help the teachers are receiving from the monthly visits of the Review.

Our plans for next year are not completed but all may be sure that the Review hopes to be 'better yet.' There will be no issue of the magazine in July or August. The date of printing will be changed so that the magazine will be in the teacher's hands by the first of the month.

There is one dark spot. Many of our subscribers are in arrears. During the past few years the subscription list has been handled by several different persons. There have been some misunderstandings. The Review is anxious to give perfect satisfaction and will do all in its power to correct any such errors. Many of the teachers who are heartily supporting the Review but do not realize that subscriptions on credit may cause the management some embarrassment at times.