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3. The local Boards are directed not to admit candidates that fail to obtain one of the marks given for the parsing question on the paper in grammar.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department,
 Toronto, February 12th, 1877.

I. Proceedings of the Education Department.

1. ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

COPY OF AN ORDER IN COUNCIL, APPROVED BY HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1877.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration, the annexed Report of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 12th day of February, 1877, recommending that certain modifications set forth in the said Report should be made in the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, and that the same should come into effect at the examination to be held in June next.

The Committee advise that the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister be acted upon.

Certified. (Signed) J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council,
 Ontario.

The Honourable
 The Minister of Education.

The undersigned has the honour to recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Central Committee of Examiners, the following modifications shall be made in the subjects prescribed for candidates for entrance into the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, and that the same shall come into effect at the examination to be held in June next, viz. :—

1. Candidates will be examined in the leading facts of English History. The questions set will not demand a minute knowledge of details, but will be strictly limited to the outlines of the subject.
 2. Candidates will be examined, as heretofore, in reading from the Fourth Reader, pp. 1-246; but they will in addition be expected to show that they understand the meaning of these reading lessons.
- They will likewise be examined more minutely on the selections enumerated in the following list, and they will be required to reproduce the substance of one or more of them in their own language :—

1. The Norwegian Colonies in Greenland.—*Scoresby.*
2. The founding of the North American Colonies.—*Pedley.*
3. The Voyage of the "Golden Hind."—*British Enterprise.*
4. The Discovery of America.—*Robertson.*
5. The Death of Montcalm.—*Hawkins.*
6. Jacques Cartier at Hochelaga.—*Hawkins.*
7. Cortez in Mexico.—*Cassell's Paper.*
8. The Buccaneers.—*The Sea.*
9. The Earthquake of Caraccas.—*Humboldt.*
10. The Conquest of Peru.—*Annals of Romantic Adventures.*
11. The Conquest of Wales.—*White's Landmarks.*
12. Hermann, the Deliverer of Germany.—*Jerrer.*

2. COPYING AT EXAMINATIONS—COLLINGWOOD. MEMORANDUM OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ONTARIO.

The Minister has had under consideration the reports of the High School Inspectors, on the Intermediate Examination, held at Collingwood, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of December last (in which they report that they had found conclusive evidence of copying in the arithmetic paper), and the communications with the Examiners and the Town Inspector, on the subject. It now appears to be clearly established, by the evidence taken on the 18th instant, on the investigation the Minister directed to be held, whereat there were present, Dr. Stephens, Chairman of the High School Board, Mr. John Hogg, Mr. Hall Telfer, members of the Board; also Mr. W. Williams, Head Master, and Mr. John Harvey, Second Master; also Mr. Henry Robertson, LL.B., Chairman Public School Board, the inquiry being conducted by the Inspector—that certain candidates were guilty of the charge, viz. : [names omitted].

The Minister has accordingly to direct that the examination of such of the candidates named as passed be disallowed; and that their standing in the school remain as if they had not presented themselves for examination, and that no allowance to the High School be made in respect of these pupils.

The Minister has to regret that a want of vigilance on the part of the Inspector, in absenting himself from the Examination Hall, without a proper substitute in charge, furnished the opportunity for this violation of the rules.

It may be necessary for the Minister to go further with the punishment, in future cases, in order to effectually check a proceeding so fraudulent in its nature, and so injurious to the best interests of the school.

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department,
 24th February, 1877.

3. TERMS AND VACATIONS IN PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOLS (PRESCRIBED BY THE AMENDED ACT OF LAST SESSION, NOW IN FORCE.)

1. Public Schools in Rural Sections.

"There shall be two vacations during the year for Public Schools. The Summer vacation shall be from the eighth day of July to the seventeenth day of August inclusive; the Winter vacation from the twenty-fourth day of December to the second day of January inclusive."

Good Friday is a Statutory holiday in Rural Schools.

2. Public and High Schools in Cities and Towns, and in Incorporated Villages where High Schools exist.

"There shall be three vacations for High Schools in the year; the Easter vacation to extend from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive; the Summer vacation shall begin on the fourteenth day