

holds an Agricultural diploma, for which diploma he was educated at the expense of the province, also. Now he will still be educated at the expense of the province, but in order to draw higher grants he will have to do special agricultural teaching with a more adequate equipment.

MANUAL TRAINING in two directions—mechanical work in wood or metal and in the Domestic Arts—is encouraged by an extraordinarily liberal grant, but the trustees have to go to a very considerable expense in obtaining and fitting up a proper room with the necessary equipment. Then again, qualified teachers cannot be obtained at present in the province, owing to the lack of training institutions.

True it is, that the Provincial Normal School has had the equipment for giving a special teachers' course were there a demand for it. But the solitary bookworm trail marked out by our old higher educational institutions appears to have been the only course beaten enough for the mass of our students to follow. Perhaps the distinct sign post of a \$600 grant to the school section may cause some eyes to be raised from off the well tramped trail to scan the offers of employment around the wide horizon.

ALL CLASS "A" SCHOOLS. Apart from these manual training departments, every County Academy will be expected hereafter to have as necessary for the lowest rank, a bench for wood work and simple metal work, with the appropriate tools—sufficient to enable students to make and repair apparatus for the scientific demonstrations of the Course of Study. The higher ranked Academies should have a corresponding fuller outfit. All other High Schools and class "A" schools should be provided with such a bench and the tools necessary, to be used under the guidance of the teacher by the pupils who may have a genius for mechanical work, in making and repairing apparatus for the use of the school.

THE STANDARD OF TEACHERS' LICENSES will again be raised by a perceptible point on and after the first day of January, 1901. No license of any class will be granted unless the candidate has made at least *thirty-five* on each "imperative" subject of the high school course of study up to and including the grade corresponding in scholarship to the class of license applied for—class D corresponding to grade IX, class C to grade X, class B to grade XI, etc., as under the present regulations. Candidates attending the Normal School have to pass the same scholarship test on subjects on which they may have fallen below 35%; but they will have the advantage of being examined on them by the faculty of the Normal School, and will not be awarded their professional certificate without the necessary advance in scholarship in any such subject.

At the same time, the ages for admission to classes D, C and B will be raised respectively to 17, 18 and 19 years. This will correct the now unnecessary evil of admitting candidates of immature age to the profession. The minimum age of class D (provisional) is still to be left at 16 years; but very shortly it is expected that this class may have its privileges curtailed to the extent of the obsolete "permissive" licenses, preliminary to its final extinction.

These changes which have been foreshadowed in the Education Reports for some years will tend not only to the elevation of the efficiency of the teaching staff of the province, but will prevent the fall of teachers' salaries threatened by the competition of the hosts of immature boys and girls who are now passing in greater numbers than ever before through our unusually active high school departments. The profession cannot be substantially elevated without raising salaries. Its abler members cannot be expected to remain in it otherwise.

THE FULL HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY will next year become more elastic without any reduction of the standard. Any eight subjects (papers) will be considered sufficient to obtain a "High School pass" certificate. This modification is made in the interests of those students who wishing to take the optional subjects—one or more of the ancient or foreign languages—feel unable, also, to