



OFFICIAL NOTICES.

I. School Books—Superior School Grants.

In consequence of the increased drafts required for Teachers of Common Schools, the Council finds the funds at its disposal inadequate to meet all the expenditures contemplated by the School law. At the same time the Council is desirous of resuming the supply of Books and Apparatus to the Schools at reduced rates for another year. It is therefore ordered, with the concurrence of the Superintendent of Education, that no further sums be paid to competitors for the grant to Superior Schools, and that the sum allowed by the law for that purpose be applied towards furnishing the Schools with Books and Apparatus at the rates fixed by the order of October, 1868. [This Order is not to affect the unpaid grant of the past term.]

October 15th, 1869.

II. Examination of Teachers.

"The half-yearly Examination for license to teach in the Public Schools, shall be held in March and September of each year. Examinations to begin on Tuesday the ninth day preceeding the last Thursday of said months."—*Reg. Council Public Instruction.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next semi-annual Examination will begin on

TUESDAY, 2nd March next, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M.

Deputy Examiners will be strictly forbidden to admit any person to be examined, who fails to be present on the day and hour named.

Candidates are required to forward to the Inspector, not later than FEBRUARY 1st, a written notification of their intention to be examined, and of the grade of license for which they will apply. Candidates are to undergo Examination in the grade of which they have notified the Inspector. Seats will not be reserved for any who do not forward notification as above. Applications may be made for examination at one of the following stations:

STATION.	ADDRESS.
Sydney.....	E. Outram, Sydney.
Baddeck.....	A. Munro, Boulardarie.
Margaree Forks } Port Hood..... }	John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove.
Arichat.....	Reni Benoit, D'Escouse.
Guysboro' } Sherbrooke } Antigonish.....	S. R. Russell, Guysboro'
Pictou.....	A. McIsaac, Antigonish.
Amherst.....	D. McDonald, New Glasgow.
Truro.....	Rev. W. S. Darragh, Shinnimicas.
Halifax } Tangier } Windsor.....	H. C. Upham, Great Village.
Kentville.....	J. F. Parsons, 30 Albro St., Hx.
Bridgetown.....	Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor.
Digby.....	Rev. Robt. Sommerville, Wolfville.
Yarmouth.....	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Bridgetown.
Shelburne.....	A. W. Savary, Digby.
Liverpool.....	G. J. Farish, Yarmouth.
Lunenburg.....	Rev. W. H. Richan, Barrington.
	Rev. D. O. Parker, Liverpool.
	W. M. B. Lawson, Lunenburg.

Candidates are to furnish their own writing material.

Candidates already holding license of any grade from the Council of Public Instruction, are required to give the number of the same at the Examination.

All Candidates for license will be required, on presenting themselves for examination, to furnish a written certificate of good moral character, signed by a minister of Religion, or by two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace. These certificates are filed in the Educational Department, together with the other papers relating to the candidate's Examination.

The use of books or manuscripts will be strictly prohibited.

Persons not intending to engage as Teachers in the Public Schools will be required, on presenting themselves for Examination, to make payment to the Deputy Examiner as follows:—Grade E, \$0.37; D, \$0.50; C, \$0.75; B, \$1.00; A, \$1.00. Also, teachers wishing to be re-examined in any grade for which they already hold a license, will be required to make payment to the Deputy Examiner as above.

Candidates for license of the grade A who have already made an average of 75 or upwards on Grade B, are to work papers on those subjects only which are peculiar to grade A. Such Candidates are required to present themselves for examination (with their licenses or memoranda) on THURSDAY noon. Other candidates for grade A will present themselves at the opening of the Examination on Tuesday.

An exercise in spelling will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for Candidates who at any previous examination made an average of 60 or upwards in the Examination for 1st Class, and were debarred from receiving license of the 1st Class by reason of bad spelling. The list will contain a number of ordinary English words to be written at Dictation,

and any such candidate not making more than 6 errors will be granted a license of the 1st Class without further examination.

Every person examined will be informed by mail of the result of his or her examination, as soon as decided.

III. Holidays and Vacations.

Notice is hereby given to Trustees of Schools and others, that CHAPTER XI, of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. "Of Time in Session, Holidays, and Vacations" has been revised as follows:

HOLIDAYS.

The following Regulations have been added to SECTION 3, of the Chapter above-named.

1. When for any cause the Trustees of a school shall deem it desirable that any prescribed Teaching Day should be given as a Holiday, the school or schools may be kept in session on the Saturday of the week in which such Holiday has been given, and such Saturday shall be held to be in all respects a legal Teaching day.

2. When, owing to illness, or for any other just cause, a teacher loses any number of prescribed teaching days, such teacher shall have the privilege of making up for such lost days, to the extent of six during any Term, by Teaching on Saturdays: But

3. No School shall be kept in session more than five days per week for any two consecutive weeks:

4. Nor shall any Teacher teach more than FIVE DAYS PER WEEK on the average (vacations not being counted) during the period of his engagement in any term.

The Anniversary of the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY shall be a Holiday in all the Public Schools, as heretofore: also any day proclaimed as a public holiday throughout the Province.

VACATIONS.

The following Regulations have been made in lieu of SECTION 4, of the Chapter above-named:—

1. The CHRISTMAS VACATION shall remain as heretofore, the "eight days" being held to mean week-days other than Saturdays.

2. Instead of two vacations during the summer term (a week at seed time and a fortnight at harvest) as heretofore, THREE WEEKS (15 week-days other than Saturdays) shall hereafter be given as vacation during the summer term at such time or times as the Trustees shall decide: Nevertheless

3. In order that the due Inspection of Schools as required by law, may not be interfered with, each Inspector shall have power, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing Regulations, to give notice of the day or days on which he proposes to visit any school or schools in his county for the purpose of Inspection, and to require that on the day or days so named such school or schools shall be kept in session.

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IV. Teachers' Agreements.

The attention of Teachers and Trustees is again called to the necessity of complying with the provisions of the Law in relation to the disposal of the county Fund. It appears from the School Returns of the past Term that some teachers have in their agreements with Trustees in respect to salary, assumed all risk as to the amount to be received from the County Fund. Such proceeding is contrary to the provisions of the law and directly subversive of a most important principle of the School system, since the pecuniary penalty imposed upon the inhabitants of the section by the absence and irregular attendance of pupils is thereby inflicted upon the teacher, while the pecuniary rewards consequent upon a large and regular attendance of pupils at school is diverted from the people to the teacher. These results clearly tend to prevent the growth and development of a sentiment of responsibility and interest among all the inhabitants of each section, and thus measurably defeat the object of the whole system—the education of every child in the Province.

The Superintendent of Education, therefore, calls the attention of Teachers and Trustees to the following

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1. The COUNTY FUND is paid to the TRUSTEES of the section. The amount depends upon the number of pupils, the regularity of their attendance, and the number of prescribed teaching days on which school is open in any section during the term.

2. Teachers must engage with Trustees at a definite sum or rate. The Provincial grant is paid to teachers in addition to such specified sum.

3. The following form of agreement is in accordance with the law:

(FORM OF AGREEMENT.)

Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into this — day of — A.D. 186 — between (name of teacher) a duly licensed teacher of the — class of the one part, and (names of Trustees) Trustees of School Section No. — in the district of — of the second part.

The said (name of teacher) on his (or her) part, in consideration of the below mentioned agreements by the parties of the second part, hereby covenants and agrees with the said (name of Trustees) Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office, diligently and faithfully to teach a public school in the said section under the authority of the said Trustees and their successors in office, during the School Year (or Term) ending on the thirty-first day of October next, (or the thirtieth day of April, as the case may be.)

And the said Trustees and their successors in office on their part covenant and agree with the said (name of teacher) Teacher as aforesaid, to pay the said (name of teacher) out of the School Funds under their control, at the rate of — dollars for the School Year (or Term.)