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N. B. Education Department.—Official Notices.

I. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

(a) *Closing Examinations for License*—The Closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, and at the Grammar School Buildings in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 1900.

The English Literature required for First Class candidates is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and selections from Keats, Shelley, and Byron as found in Select Poems, published by the W. J. Gage Co., 1896.

(b) *Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class*.—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 3rd, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The requirements for the several classes will be the same as last year, except that Candidates for First Class will be examined on the First, Second and Third Books of Geometry and Algebra to the end of Quadratic Equations.

Candidates are required to give notice to the Inspector within whose inspectorial district they wish to be examined not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of one dollar must be sent to the Inspector with the application.

(c) *Junior Leaving Examinations*.—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations.

The Junior Leaving Examinations are based upon the requirements of the course of study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the syllabus for Grades IX and X, and will include the following subjects: English Grammar and Analysis; English Composition and Literature; Arithmetic and Book-keeping; Algebra and Geometry; History and Geography; Botany; Physiology and Hygiene; and any two of the following: Latin, Greek, French, Chemistry, Physics [Nine papers in all].

The pupils of any school in the province are eligible for admission to this examination. Diplomas are granted to successful candidates.

Fee of Two Dollars to be sent with application to Inspector, not later than the 24th of May.

The English Literature for the Junior Leaving Examinations will be Select Poems of Goldsmith, Wordsworth and Scott, as found in collection published by W. J. Gage Co., 1896.

(d) *University Matriculation Examinations*.—Held at the same time and stations as Entrance Examinations. Application to be made to Inspector, with fee of two dollars, not later than May 24th.

The Junior Matriculation Examinations are based on the requirements for matriculation in the University of New Brunswick, as laid down in the University calendar. (Candidates will receive a calendar upon application to the Chancellor of the University, or to the Education Office.)

The English Literature subjects are Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," Rolfe Edition, and Selections from Keats, Shelly and Byron, as found in Select Poems, published by the W. J. Gage Co., Toronto, 1896.

The examination paper in French will be based on the syllabus of High School Course for 1899 in Grades IX, X and XI.

The Department will supply the necessary stationery to the candidates at the July examinations, and all answers must be written upon the paper supplied by the Supervising Examiners.

In the June examinations the candidates will supply their own stationery.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examination. The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases.

Forms of application for the July examinations will be sent to candidates upon application to the Inspectors, or to the Education Office.

(e) *High School Entrance Examinations*.—These examinations will be held at the several Grammar and other High Schools, beginning on Monday, June 18th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Under the provisions of the Regulation passed by the Board of Education in April, 1896, question papers will be provided by the department. The principals of the Grammar and High Schools are requested to notify the Chief Superintendent not later than June 1st, as to the probable number of candidates.

II. TEACHING DAYS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1900.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Six weeks, beginning July 1st. In cities, incorporated towns, and Grammar and Superior School Districts in which a majority of the ratepayers present at the annual school meeting voted for extension of vacation, eight weeks beginning July 1st.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Two weeks, beginning on December 22nd.

OTHER HOLIDAYS. Good Friday, the Queen's Birthday and Thanksgiving Day; also, in the City of St. John, Loyalist Day.

No. of Teaching Days, First Term, 123; in St. John, 122.

No. of Teaching Days, Second Term, 94; in cities, etc., 84.

III. EMPIRE DAY.

Wednesday, May 23rd, is to be observed in all the schools as EMPIRE DAY by carrying out a programme of such exercises, recitations and addresses as will tend to promote a spirit of patriotism, and to impress upon the pupils adequate views of their privileges and duties as Canadian citizens and subjects of the British Empire.

Trustees are urgently advised to provide for the school-house, wherever practicable, a Canadian Flag and a flag-staff; and teachers are instructed to see that the Flag is raised on Empire Day, the Queen's Birthday, Dominion Day, Thanksgiving Day, and other national anniversaries.

IV. TEXT BOOKS.

The First and Second Primers of the New Brunswick Series of Readers, [according to notices in *Royal Gazette* dated August 10th and August 29th, 1899] have now superseded the Primer and First Book of the Royal Reader Series. It is intended that the remaining numbers of the "New Brunswick Readers" will come into use at the opening of the Term in August next. During the present Term it is permissible to use the First Book of the new series instead of the 2nd Royal Reader in any school in which it may be found necessary to purchase new Readers for Grade III.

Education Office.
January 2nd, 1900.

J. R. INCH,
Chief Supt. of Education.