

is cool and bracing, and therefore nothing is lost by retaining them at home for a short time after the time appointed for the term to commence, except it is as observed "the public moneys."

Were the summer vacation extended uniformly till the second week in September, the attendance would, we believe, be more regular, and many a child saved from complaints so often fatal in warm weather. We suggest this for the consideration of Commissioners and Inspectors.

We have already remarked that the law giving College Graduates a license of grade A on passing an examination in professional work only, expired with the past year. And as there will be no examination for the degree of A. B. in the University of Halifax during the coming summer, graduates of the present year will be placed in circumstances detrimental to their interests. I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Act passed at the late session of the Legislature be extended to January, 1878. Such an extension of time will be for the interest of graduates of the present Collegiate year, and certainly not in any way adverse to our educational work.

The clause in the law relating to Commissioner's meetings was, at the last session of the Legislature, amended by substituting the word three for five; that is, the quorum is now three. This reduction to the lowest possible number arose from circumstances to which reference has frequently been made in former reports, namely, the difficulty of securing an attendance in which the interest of the different sections of the county should be fairly represented, and of legally transacting the business of the county. If such a representation is at all necessary, the making of the quorum, as stated above, does not and cannot meet the case. It has been repeatedly urged by Inspectors and others, that the Commissioners be paid from the County Fund a sum sufficient to cover all expense necessary to an attendance; the sum would not be large, probably not exceeding two dollars per day. And if this small appropriation will bring together a large meeting of the Commissioners, the money will be well spent.

I think an amendment in the law making the appropriation suggested will meet with general commendation, and prove beneficial to the public schools in the several counties.

We beg to recapitulate the proposed amendment, as stated in the preceding parts of this report.

The extension of the time in which graduates of colleges may, on an examination in professional work only, receive a Head Master's license.

The payment from the County Fund of the Commissioners who actually attend the business meetings of the Board.

And also that an Act be passed authorizing the Council of Public Instruction to establish in the Town of Sydney, Cape Breton, an Academy similar to those in Yarmouth and Pictou. The high school department of which shall be free to all pupils from any part of Cape Breton, who may pass a prescribed examination.

We have suggested for further, and for matured consideration, an increase in the County Tax, thus providing, from that source, a fund for enlarged expenditure on the schools in the different counties. In con-