

PART I.—GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION, GOVERNMENT, AND DISCIPLINE OF HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES IN ONTARIO.

PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH, AND TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, AND APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF JUNE.

I. Terms, Hours of Daily Teaching, Holidays, and Vacations.*

1. *Terms.*—There shall be *four* terms each year, to be designated the winter, spring, summer, and autumn terms. The winter term shall begin the *seventh of January*, and end the *Tuesday next before Easter*; the spring term shall begin the *Wednesday after Easter*, and close the *last day of June*; the summer term shall begin the *sixteenth day of August*, and end the *Friday next before the fifteenth of October*; the autumn term shall begin the *Monday following* the close of the summer term, and shall end the *twenty-second of December*.
2. *Hours.*—The exercises of the day shall not commence later than *nine o'clock a.m.*, and shall not exceed *six* hours in duration, exclusive of all the time allowed at noon for recreation, and of not less than *ten* minutes during each forenoon and each afternoon. Nevertheless, a less number of hours of daily teaching may be determined upon in any High School, at the option of the board of trustees.
3. *Holidays.*—Every Saturday shall be a holiday; or, if preferred by the board of trustees and head master of any High School, the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday in each week shall be half holidays. All days declared by law to be public holidays, shall be holidays in each School. The anniversary of the birth of our Sovereign, Dominion Day, any local municipal holiday, and such day as may be appointed by the Governor, or other competent authority, for Public Fast or Thanksgiving throughout the Province, shall be holidays in all the High Schools of Ontario.
4. *Vacations.*—There shall be three vacations in each year; the first, or spring vacation, shall begin on the Wednesday next before Easter, and end on the Tuesday next after it; the second, or summer vacation, shall begin on the first day of July and end on the fifteenth day of August, inclusive; and the third, or Christmas vacation, shall commence on the twenty-third day of December and end on the sixth of January.
[NOTE.—No lost time can be lawfully made up by any master or teacher on any holiday, or during the vacations.]
5. *All Agreements* between Trustees, Masters and Teachers shall be subject to the foregoing regulations; and no Master or Teacher shall be deprived of any part of his salary on account of observing allowed holidays and vacations, or for sickness, as provided in Regulation 5 of the "*Additional Duties of Masters and Teachers.*" Masters and Teachers shall be entitled to the holidays or vacations immediately following the close of their period of service.
6. *Examinations.*—The public half-yearly examinations required to be held in each High School [by the *eight* clause of the *twenty-fifth* section of the Ontario Consolidated High School Act] shall take place, the one immediately before the Christmas holidays, and the other immediately before the summer vacation. (Examinations for scholarships, etc., shall be conducted as prescribed in Regulation fifteen of chapter seven of these Regulations.)
[NOTE.—See General Regulations, and note, in the "*Additional Duties of Masters and Teacher*" (number 9), in regard to Masters and Teachers visiting other schools.]

II. Religious and Moral Instruction in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes.

1. As Christianity is the basis of our whole system of elementary education, that principle should pervade it throughout.
2. The High School, or Collegiate Institute, being a *day*, and not a *boarding* school, rules arising from domestic relations and duties are not required, and as the pupils are under the care of their parents and guardians on Sundays, no regulations are called for in respect to their attendance at public worship.

III. Opening and Closing Exercises of each Day.

With a view to secure the Divine blessing, and to impress upon the pupils the importance of religious duties, and their entire dependence on their Maker, the Council of Public Instruction recommends that the daily exercises of each High School and Collegiate Institute be opened and closed by reading a portion of Scripture, and by prayer. The Lord's Prayer alone, or the Forms of Prayer hereto annexed, may be used, or any other prayer preferred by the Trustees and Head-Master of each school. But the Lord's Prayer shall form part of the opening exercise, and the Ten Commandments be taught to all the pupils, and be repeated at least once a week. But no pupil should be compelled to be present at these exercises against the wish of his parent or guardian, expressed in writing to the Head-Master of the school.

FORMS OF PRAYER:

(BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.)

Let us Pray.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into

* High and Public Schools united are subject to the following regulations, affecting holidays and vacations in High Schools. In order also to enable the Education Department to make an equitable apportionment to Roman Catholic Separate Schools in cities, towns and villages where united High and Public Schools exist, it is required that both the Public and Separate Schools shall observe the regulations affecting holidays and vacations in High Schools.