

School to confer with the Law Society with the view of bringing the law examinations into greater harmony with the University course.

Mr. Robert Machray, student of St. John's College, the silver medallist in the recent University examination, has gone to Sydney Sussex, Cambridge. He is a young man of unusual promise.

A fine new building in connection with St. Boniface College is being erected, and will shortly be ready for occupation.

Official Department.

On the recommendation of the Minister of Education, amended regulations have been approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with reference to the following subjects, on which experience has shown that certain modifications and changes should be made:—

(1) With reference to the Intermediate Examinations, which are now to be held yearly in July, instead of half-yearly, the passing is to be determined upon questions on each subject, not with reference to any high standard for competitive examination, but solely to ascertain whether the candidate has acquired a fair knowledge of each subject so as to be qualified or not for the upper school, having regard for his proficiency in answering questions reasonably framed for this purpose in each subject. The standard of marks is 20 per cent. on each subject, and 40 per cent. on the group. The passing of the Intermediate Examinations is to be taken as equivalent to passing the non-professional examination for a third class teacher's certificate.

(2) Candidates who, besides fulfilling the above conditions, obtain 50 per cent. of the whole number of marks obtainable, will be deemed to have passed the non-professional examination for second class teacher's certificate, Grade "B" while those who obtain 30 per cent. on each subject and 50 per cent. on the group and 60 per cent. of the aggregate of total marks, will be considered as having passed the non-professional examination for second-class certificates, Grade "A." The examiners are instructed not to extend the standard of their questions any higher than they at present attain.

(3) As to first class certificates, there is to be a non-professional examination for grade "C" separate from that for First "B" or First "A," and all candidates must take that for Grade "C" before being eligible for Grade "B" or "A." The subjects for Grade "C" come within the departments of English Language and Literature, History and Geography, Mathematics, Elementary Mechanics and Physical Science. Candidates for First "A" or First "B" may take options, being allowed to select any one of the following groups of subjects: (a) English Language and Literature, with History and Geography, (b) Mathematics, (c) Physical Science, but each candidate must be examined by one of the authors in the English Literature course.

(4) Candidates for third-class certificates must, after passing the non-professional examination, attend for one session at least at a County Model School, for professional training, and pass a satisfactory examination therein, when, if proved to be at least 18 years of age, if a male, or 17 if a female, the candidate may receive a third class certificate.

(5) All candidates for second-class certificates must attend for one session one of the Provincial Normal Schools, for professional instruction, and successfully pass the examination therein. Public School teachers who have successfully taught for at least three years before the 18th August, 1877, are exempt from this condition.

(6) Candidates for first-class certificates shall attend for one year at one of the Normal Schools after obtaining a second-class certificate, and shall pass the requisite examination; but attendance at one of the Normal Schools is dispensed with in favour of a candidate who has successfully taught two years on a second-class certificate, and who has passed the required examination. Any person who possesses the qualifications of a High School Head Master is regarded as qualified to be the Head Master of a Public School, not being a Model School.

(7) The inspection of County Model Schools is in the future to be placed under the Public School Inspector, or Inspectors having jurisdiction within the County or sub-division of the County in which the Model School is situate. He is entrusted with the duty of organizing it at the beginning of the term, and he is also to direct and assist the Principal in the classification of the students and other necessary work. In cases where the County Model School is situate in any city or town, the Public School Inspector of any such city or town shall act jointly with the County Inspector or Inspectors, and shall have the like duties and jurisdiction. Each Model School is to be visited by the Inspector twice in each term, when he may exercise the like authority as in inspecting Public Schools, and shall receive the like remuneration, and is to report annually in December to the Education Department. In order to secure a uniform standard and systematized operation of the County Model Schools, as well as to afford special information to County Boards, Public School Inspectors, and Principals (where necessary), in regard to the conduct of such schools, and other matters relating thereto, the Minister of Education will, through the members of the Central Committee of Examiners, extend an oversight and supervision over

County Model Schools, with the express object of enabling them the better to fulfil their functions as local institutions for the training of Third-Class Teachers.

(8) The Normal Schools at Toronto and Ottawa are to be respectively inspected at least once in each of the three sessions of the academic year, and this duty is to be discharged by such two of the members of the Central Committee as the Minister may appoint for this purpose, who are to report to him the result of each inspection, and any material circumstances connected with the working of either of such Normal Schools.

1. In conformity with the provisions contained in section 58 of the Dominion Act, 31 Vic., chap. 40, and the General Orders of the Militia Department at Ottawa, dated 25th July, 1879, associations or companies for the purpose of drill are authorized to be organized, under the Militia Department, in certain educational institutions of the Dominion the number in the Province of Ontario being limited to 34, and to Universities, Colleges, Normal and High Schools.

2. These Companies will be instructed in Military Drill and Training only, and will not be employed in active service.

3. Rifles and accoutrements will be furnished where the Company in each institution is not less than 40 of the regular students therein.

4. The services of a drill instructor will be supplied by the Dominion Government for one month in each year, divided into two parts if desirable, and at such times as will be suitable to the circumstances of each Company and the convenience of the institution.

5. Each institution desirous of taking advantage of this Act should make application to the Adjutant-General's Department, through the Deputy Adjutant-General of the district within which the Institution is situate, and may now be made as soon as convenient.

6. The Deputy Adjutant-General will furnish such further information as may be desired.

7. The importance of this subject, and the advantages thus offered to the schools under this Department, make it desirable that the necessary action should be taken at once by those whose circumstances will permit of a compliance with the conditions of the regulations of the Militia Department.

ADAM CROOKS,

Toronto, September 24th, 1879.

Minister of Education.

SUBJECTS FOR THE NON-PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS FOR FIRST-CLASS CERTIFICATES.

I.—FOR GRADE C.

English Language and Literature.

Grammar.—A thorough acquaintance with the subject will be required.

Composition.—Candidates will be required to show, by passing an examination in this subject, and by the character of their answers in other subjects, that they are in the habit of writing the English language correctly.

Etymology.—Candidates will be required to know the prefixes, the affixes, and the principal Latin and Greek roots, and to be able to analyse etymologically the easier words in the reading books.

Literature.—Candidates will be required to have a general acquaintance with English literature and its history, and a fuller knowledge of special eras and authors to be prescribed from time to time by the Department.*

History and Geography.

History.—A special knowledge of the History of England between 1688 and 1820, as presented in Green's Short History of the English People, and in Hallam's Constitutional History, chapters 15 and 16.

Geography.—North America, Europe, and the British Empire.

Mathematics.

Algebra.—Fundamental operations; Involution and Evolution; Resolution into Factors; Principle of Symmetry; Theory of Divisors; Fractions; Ratio, Proportion, and Variation; Theory of Indices; Surds; Arithmetical, Geometrical, and Harmonical Progression; Scales of Notation.

* The subjects prescribed for the examination in 1880 are:—

Julius Caesar—*Shakespeare.*

An Elegy in a Country Churchyard—*Gray.*

The Traveller—*Goldsmith.*

The Spectator—Papers 166, 108, 112, 115, 117, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 131, 139, 329, 335, 517—*Addison.*

Johnson's Life of Addison.

Macaulay's Life of Johnson.

No particular editions of these texts are prescribed, but the following good ones are mentioned in order to aid candidates:

The edition of Julius Caesar in the Clarendon Press series.

Morley's Spectator.

Matthew Arnold's Johnson's Chief Lives of the Poets. This contains both Johnson's Life of Addison and Macaulay's Life of Johnson.