



OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The number of Teaching Days for the current term, closing 31st inst., is 111; for the City of Halifax, 105.

[These numbers were incorrectly given in April issue as 112 and 106.]

The number of Teaching Days for the ensuing term, beginning Nov. 1st, is 118; for the City of Halifax, 115.

Trustees and Teachers should not fail to notice that, according to Regulation, the next ensuing Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 22nd, 1883, and that the Schools resume work on January 7th, 1884. Any schools kept open between those dates will not be recognized.

INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INSPECTORS.

- District No. 1, the City and County of Halifax—Hinkle Condon, Halifax.
 District No. 2, the Counties of Lunenburg and Queens—Thomas R. Patillo, A. M., Lunenburg.
 District No. 3, the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth—A. C. A. Doane, Barrington.
 District No. 4, the Counties of Digby and Annapolis—Leander S. Morse, A. M., Bridgetown.
 District No. 5, the Counties of Kings and Hants—Colin W. Roscoe, A. M., Wolfville.
 District No. 6, the Counties of Antigonish and Guyston—Red-erick McDonald, Antigonish.
 District No. 7, the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond—M. J. T. Macneil, River Bourgeois, C. B.
 District No. 8, the Counties of Inverness and Victoria—John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove, C. B.
 District No. 9, the County of Pictou and that part of the County of Colchester not included in No. 10—Robert McLellan, Pictou.
 District No. 10, the County of Cumberland and that part of the County of Colchester comprised by the District of Stirling and the Townships of Economy and Londonderry—William D. McKenzie, Parrsboro.

THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

TRURO.

J. B. CALKIN, M. A., *Principal*.

- Professor of Didactics and Chemistry.....J. B. Calkin, M. A.
 " Language and History.....J. B. Hall, Ph. D.
 " Mathematics and Physics.....F. H. Eaton, M. A.
 Instructor in Industrial Drawing and Calisthenics,
Miss Ottie A. Smith.
 Teacher of Preparatory Department.....
 Head Master of Model School.....J. A. Smith, B. A.

Copies of Regulations and By-laws of Institution can be at all times obtained on application to the Principal.

The next annual session begins November 7th. Formal opening November 14th.

PROVINCIAL EXAMINERS.

- Department of Language.....Rev. George B. Dodwell, M. A., Wilmot.
 " History and Geography....Rev. Thos. J. Daly, M. A., Windsor.
 " Mathematics.....D. F. Higgins, M. A., Ph. D., Acadia College.
 " School Management and Teaching....Rev. Principal Ross, D. D. (Dalhousie College).

TEXT BOOKS.

Comment.—In performing the duty of selecting and prescribing text-books for the Public Schools, the Council of Public Instruction has availed itself as fully as possible of the knowledge and experience of those who are engaged in the practical work of Education. The sole aim of recent modifications has been to secure, at a reasonable cost, a series of texts adapted for use in schools. Change in authorized books is in itself a very undesirable thing; and it is hoped and believed that matters may remain where they are now fixed, for years to come, without substantial alteration.

At the same time, the previously announced changes, now brought into effect, will largely reduce the cost of text books, especially to those taking an extended course. School officers are reminded that laudatory notices of *non-prescribed* texts, when given by them to publishers and their agents for advertising use, are misleading, and often involve serious loss to book sellers and parents.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, WITH NAMES OF PUBLISHERS.

ENGLISH.

Reading and Spelling. (1.) The Royal Series (Thomas Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh and London).

(2.) The Maritime Series (Wm. Collins, Sons & Co., Glasgow and London).

(3.) The Spelling Book Superseded—*English Edition.* (Sullivan Bros.)

NOTE.—In sections where French is the vernacular language, and the Trustees desire that English should also be taught, the French-English Readers of the Royal Series will be found very serviceable.

Grammar and Composition. (1.) English Grammar for Schools (A. & W. Mackinlay).

(2.) Dalgleish's Introductory Text Book of English Composition (A. & W. Mackinlay).

(3.) Dalgleish's Advanced Text Book of English Composition (Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh.)

Geography. (1.) Calkin's Introductory Text Book (A. & W. Mackinlay).

(2.) Calkin's Geography of the World (A. & W. Mackinlay).

History. (1.) Calkin's *History of British America* (A. & W. Mackinlay).

(2.) *Brief History of England* (Thos. Nelson & Son, Edinburgh and London).

(3.) Swinton's *Outlines of the World's History*, Nova Scotia Edition (A. & W. Mackinlay).

NOTE.—The use of Collier's *History of the British Empire* will be legal for the ensuing school year, during which an enlarged edition of the *Brief History of England* will be brought out by the publishers at a retail price not exceeding *twenty-five cents*. The book will be large enough to answer all the purposes of an English History for schools. The great reduction in price (from \$2.25 to \$1) of Swinton's *Outlines* will enable teachers to use that valuable treatise generally in advanced classes.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic. (1.) Kirkland & Scott's Elementary Arithmetic (Gage & Co., Toronto).

(2.) Hamblin Smith's Arithmetic (Gage & Co., Toronto).

Algebra. Todhunter's Algebra for Beginners (Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto).

Geometry. Euclid, Hamblin Smith's Edition (Gage & Co., Toronto).

[First four books published as special Nova Scotia Edition].

Practical Mathematics. Eaton's Elementary Practical Mathematics (D. H. Smith & Co., Truro).

Book-keeping. Eaton & Frazee's treatise (A. & W. Mackinlay).

SCIENCE.

1. The Science Primers (Macmillan & Co., London, and James Campbell & Son, Toronto).

[1.] Physical Geography.—Geikie.

[2.] Physics.—Balfour Stewart.

[3.] Chemistry.—Roscoe.

[4.] Geology.—Geikie.

[5.] Physiology.—Foster.

[6.] Astronomy.—Lockyer.

[7.] Botany.—Hooker.

2. Tanner's First Principle of Agriculture (A. & W. Mackinlay)

WRITING AND DRAWING.

1. Payson, Dunton and Scribner's Copy Books, Beattie's Copy Books, the Royal Series of Copy Books.

[The Council does not think it necessary to prescribe a single series of Copy Books, but only to require that one series shall be used exclusively in each school. It is but just to state that since the last publication of this list, the Royal Series has been re-graded and by other improvements brought to a high standard of excellence].

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS, BUT NOT PRESCRIBED FOR PUPILS.

[Trustees anxious to promote the physical, intellectual, and moral welfare of the pupils in the schools under their charge will do well to provide their teachers with the undermentioned books].

Dr. Richardson's Temperance Hand Book (see editorial page).
 McGregor & Knight, Halifax, advertise cheap edition at 30 cents, retail, cloth edition 50 cents, retail).

Dr. Edward Smith's Manual of Health (A. & W. Mackinlay).

Gray's "How Plants Grow" (Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., N. Y.)

Newton's Manual of Zoology (Christian Knowledge Series).

N. A. Calkin's (Boston) Primary Object Lessons (Harper Bros., New York).

NOTE.—Prang's Natural History Series of botanical and zoological drawings and cards is accompanied by an excellent manual of directions. The whole series, with manual complete, can be obtained from A. & W. Mackinlay at \$9.50. Steps are being taken to recommend a cheaper series for the smaller class of schools.