



## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

**TEACHING DAYS.**—The number of teaching days for the current term, closing 31st October, is 111. The number of Teaching Days for the ensuing term, beginning November 1st, is 110.

Trustees and Teachers should not fail to notice that, according to Regulation, the next ensuing Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 20th, 1890, and that the Schools resume work on January 5th, 1891. Any schools kept open between these dates will not be recognized.

The regularly proclaimed Thanksgiving Day will be a holiday in the Public Schools.

**ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS.**—To enable teachers more conveniently to aid Trustees in preparing returns for transmission to the Inspector, the Council of Public Instruction has been pleased to order that hereafter "the 30th of April and the 31st of October shall be holidays in the Public Schools, and when either of these days shall fall on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday shall be a holiday." At the request of the Board of School Commissioners, the Public Schools of the City of Halifax are excepted from the operation of this Regulation.

**SATURDAY AS A TEACHING DAY.**—The Council of Public Instruction has ordered that to existing regulations defining the limits within which school may be kept on Saturdays (see Manual page 70), there shall be added the following: "Provided that nothing contained in these Regulations shall prevent a teacher from teaching on Saturdays in order to make up for *not more than two teaching days* necessarily lost at the beginning of the term in travelling from a distant section in which he (or she) had been previously engaged."

**COUNTY ACADEMY RETURNS.**—In addition to the special returns to Education Office, Trustees will send the usual returns to Inspectors. In no case should drafts for County Academy grants be drawn on the Superintendent of Education without previous authorization.

**SPECIAL GRANT TO GRADE A TEACHERS.**—By a recent minute the Council of Public Instruction has ordered that "any Grade A teacher proposing to claim special grant referred to in Section 10, of 'Act to encourage Academic Education,' and No. 16 of 'Regulations relating to County Academies and Grade Schools,' shall, *within three weeks of the opening of the Term*, notify the Inspector of the District *in writing* of his intention to qualify for such claim, and to present at the terminal inspection the required number of High School pupils."

### TRUSTEES' RETURNS.

As the Act passed at the Session of 1887, for the further regulation of teachers' grants, has come into operation, trustees and teachers will find it to their interest to have their returns placed in the hands of the Inspectors at the earliest possible moment.

The Department of Education will not be in a position to take a single step towards the distribution of grants, until complete sheets from every County or District have been received. *To prevent general inconvenience and loss from the negligence of individuals, the Inspectors are instructed to report on such returns as shall have come to hand on the 7th of May (or November). Delayed returns run the risk of postponement until the next terminal distribution.* In reply to enquiries, it may be stated that it is impossible to predict the exact date at which teachers may expect to receive their grants under the new arrangement. A general assurance is given that no unnecessary delay will take place. As a careful collation of the returns from the entire Province is now necessary, involving calculations both minute and extended, payments need not be expected at dates as early as these at which grants have heretofore been paid in some Counties sending in prompt returns. Still it is hoped that with due promptitude on the part of all officials concerned, the grants will be ready for distribution somewhere about the average time of previous payments.

## THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL AND MODEL SCHOOL, TRURO.

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

Professor of Didactics.....J. B. Calkin, M. A.  
 " Language and History.....J. B. Hall, Ph. D.  
 " Mathematics.....F. H. Eaton, B. A.  
 Lecturer in Natural Science.....H. W. Smith, B. Sc.  
 Instructor in Industrial Drawing and Callisthenics,  
*Miss Ottilie A. Smith.*

" Music and Elocution .....

In addition to the ordinary facilities of professional culture, teachers in training will receive instruction in the tonic sol-fa systems of vocal music. They will also have regular opportunities for observing and studying kindergarten methods in actual operation.

### MODEL DEPARTMENT.

Intermediate Grades .....Miss Maggie Moody.  
 Primary " .....Miss Ada Lewis.

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

The annual session begins November 5th. Formal opening November 12th.

The School of Agriculture in connection with the Provincial Normal School is under the direction of Professor Herman W. Smith, B. Sc., to whom application for the Annual Register of the Institution should be addressed.

## 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—H. H. McIntosh, Lunenburg.  
 District No. 3, the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth—James H. Munro, Yarmouth.  
 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 Guysborough—A. G. McDonald, A. M., Antigonish.  
 District No. 7, the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond—M. J. T. Macneil, A. B., River Bourgeois, O. B.  
 District No. 8, the Counties of Inverness and Victoria—John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove, O. B.  
 District No. 9, the County of Pictou and that part of the County of Colchester not included in No. 10—W. E. McLellan, LL.B., 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—E. J. Lay, Amherst.

The attention of Principals of County Academies and other High Schools, is particularly directed to the following:—

### I.

## MATRICULATION STANDARDS IN CLASSICS, ADOPTED BY THE COLLEGES OF NOVA SCOTIA,

and Prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction as a Course of Classical Reading for County Academies and High Schools.

FOR 1891 (TO BE USED 1890-91).

### LATIN SUBJECTS:

- (1) Caesar *de Bell. Gall.*, Books IV. and V.
- (2) Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.

For ordinary matriculation Dalhousie will accept either (1) or (2). In addition to (1) and (2) Acadia will require Cicero, *Pro Archia*.

### GREEK SUBJECT:

Xen., *Anab.* Book V.

Dalhousie for Munro Exhibitions and Bursaries will require also Xen. *Anab.*, Books VI and VII.

### LATIN PROSE COMPOSITION:

Bradley's Arnold, Exercises 1-44.

Dalhousie for Munro Exhibitions and Bursaries will also require *Greek Prose Composition* as in Fletcher and Nicholson (A. Baillie, Kingston, Ont.) Exercises 1-25.

### II.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE IN THIRD YEAR'S COURSE:

Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. (Edition recommended, Rolfe's—Harper Bros., N. Y.)