Semi-Annual Circular.

TRUSTEES SHOULD BE CAPABLE MEN.

Trustees have frequently been exceedingly slow to perceive that they are members of a Corporation, and that their acts are without authority when done in an individual capacity. They have tenaciously clung to the idea that each Trustee was a Corporation, and that each such Corporation was "free and equal." The Secretary of the Trustees, also, has, in numerous instances, deemed himself authorized, of his own motion, to perform all the duties of the Corporation. Such misconceptions of duty and authority have resulted in confusion and difficulty in the Districts concerned. In all such cases no pains have been spared to secure the careful administration of the Law, and the services of the Inspectors have been especially valuable in this behalf. Both in respect of the Trusteeship and the public School Meetings of ratepayers, the Common Schools Act has, during the past three years, been subjected to a pretty severe strain. All doubt, however, of the ability of every District to secure, after due experience. Trustees capable of efficiently discharging the duties of the office, have passed from my mind. The people are rapidly perceiving that only their best and wisest men should be elected Trustees of Schools. This result will be seen, in review, to have been no mean part of the beneficent outcome of the Common Schools Act.—From the Chief Superintendent's Report.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

UNDER the authority of the twenty-third Regulation of the Board of Education, a Teachers' Institute will be held in the Temperance Hall, Fredericton, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 7th, 8th, and 9th of July, 1875. The first session will begin at 10 o'clock, A. M. There will be three sessions each day.

The Teachers of the Public Schools in the

COUNTIES OF YORK AND SUNBURY

are requested to be present *at all the sessions* of this Institute. In the event of any Teacher being unable to comply with this request (see Reg. 23), it is required that a written statement of the cause of absence from any session be transmitted to this office.

Education Office, Fredericton. THEODORE H. RAND, ('hief Superintendent. i

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N. B.—The Institute will be open to all Teachers in the Province who may be able to attend. 'The examinations of the Public Schools of Fredericton take place on July 2nd, 5th and 6th; and professional exercises are conducted daily, throughout the summer, in the Provincial Training School. The exercises of all these schools are open to the observation of 'Teachers. T. H. R.