



## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, JULY 7TH, 1866.—“Provision being made by the School Law for the publication of a *Journal of Education*, the Council of Public Instruction directs that the said *Journal* be made the medium of official notices in connexion with the Educational Department.

T. H. RAND,  
Sec'y to C. P. I.

### I.

The Council of Public Instruction has been pleased to make the following appointments:

To be Inspector of Schools:

For the County of Pictou, Daniel McDonald (Merchant) in place of M. T. Smith.

For the County of Cumberland, Rev. W. S. Darragh in place of F. W. George, M.A.

### II. Supply of Books, &c.

Notice is hereby given that the supply of Books, Maps, &c., to the schools at reduced prices, is discontinued by order of the Council of Public Instruction.

### III. Examination of Teachers.

“The half-yearly Examination for license to teach in the Public Schools, shall be held in March and September of each year. Examinations to begin on Tuesday the ninth day preceeding the last Thursday of said months.”—*Reg. Council Public Instruction.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next semi-annual Examination will begin on

TUESDAY, 21st September next, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M.

Deputy Examiners will be strictly forbidden to admit any person to be examined who fails to be present on the day and hour named.

Candidates are requested to forward to the Inspector, by AUGUST 15th, a written notification of their intention to be examined, and of the grade of license for which they will apply. Applications may be made for examination at one of the following stations:

STATION.	ADDRESS.
Sydney	E. Outram, Sydney.
Beddeck	A. Munro, Boulardarie.
Margaree Forks } Port Hood } Arichat	John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove.
Guysboro' } Sherbrooke }	Remi Benoit, D'Escousse.
Antigonish	S. B. Russell, Guysboro'
Pictou	A. McIsaac, Antigonish.
Amherst	D. McDonald, New Glasgow.
Truro	Rev. W. S. Darragh, Shinimicas,
Hallifax	H. C. Upham, Great Village.
Windsor	J. F. Parsons, 30 Albro St., Hx.
Kentville	Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor.
Bridgetown	Rev. Robt. Sommerville, Wolfville.
Digby	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Bridgetown.
Yarmouth	A. W. Savary, Digby.
Barrington (Hibberts' Brook)	G. J. Farish, Yarmouth.
Liverpool	Rev. W. H. Richan, Barrington.
Lunenburg	Rev. D. O. Parker, Liverpool.
	W. M. B. Lawson, Lunenburg.

Candidates are to furnish their own writing material.

All Candidates for License will be required, on presenting themselves for examination, to furnish a written certificate of good moral character, signed by a minister of Religion, or by two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace. These certificates are filed in the Educational Department, together with the other papers relating to the candidate's Examination.

The use of Dictionaries (or other books) will be strictly prohibited.

Candidates for license of the grade A who have already made an average of 75 or upwards on Grade B, are to work papers on those subjects only which are peculiar to grade A. Such Candidates are required to present themselves for examination (with their licenses or memoranda) on THURSDAY noon. Other candidates for grade A will present themselves at the opening of the Examination on Tuesday.

An exercise in spelling will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for Candidates who at any previous examination made an average of 60

or upwards in the Examination for 1st Class, and were debarred from receiving license of the 1st Class by reason of bad spelling. The list will contain a number of ordinary English words to be spelled (in writing) at Dictation, and any such candidate not making more than 6 errors will be granted a license of the 1st Class without further examination.

\* Every person examined will be informed by mail of the result of his or her examination, as soon as decided.

### IV. Amended and Additional Regulations concerning Superior Schools.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Teachers, Trustees of schools and others, that CHAPTER V. of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, “Of Superior Schools,” has been revised as follows:

- In lieu of sub-division (2), (4), and (10) of SECTION 3—
  - Ample School accommodation must be provided for all children of school age in the Section.
  - The furniture must be of an approved pattern, and the supply of books, apparatus, and school materials, sufficient for and adapted to the wants of the school.
  - a School must have been kept at least 100 days during the term.
  - At least three-fourths of the children of school age must be registered at school.
  - The number of pupils daily present on an average, must be at least two-thirds of the number registered.
  - For any excess of the Registered Number over and above the requirements, an average of ONE HALF daily present will be sufficient.
  - The Regulation limiting the right of competition to Teachers of the First Class, is hereby rescinded.
  - In Sections having Graded Schools, tests referring to school buildings furniture, books, apparatus, and school materials shall apply to all the departments. The number of registered pupils daily present on an average, shall apply to all the departments in the aggregate.
  - In the case of Graded Schools, the Council will determine which department shall be eligible to compete in any term; and notice of the same will be given at least three months previous to the commencement of such term. Any department of a Graded School shall be examined only upon such subjects as are suited to its grade.
  - Agreements respecting Teachers' salaries must be regular in every respect.
  - As one half of the grant to any superior school is payable to the Trustees and one half to the Teacher, in deciding the competitions two elements will be kept in view as the basis of all awards.
- First*—The character of the school accommodation, general equipment, school attendance; and generally, all matters, wholly or chiefly under the control of the SECTION—
- Second*—The organization, management, discipline, and progress of the school; and generally, all matters wholly or chiefly depending on the ability and diligence of the TEACHER—
- And these two elements will be regarded as of equal force and importance.

6. The foregoing Regulations shall take effect on the first day of May, 1866, and all existing Regulations not inconsistent with the foregoing shall continue in force thereafter.

In pursuance of the above Regulations Trustees and Teachers of Graded Schools are hereby notified that the Council of Public Instruction has determined that the most Department next in advance of the most Elementary shall be eligible to compete during the term beginning Nov 1st, 1866.

### V. Holidays and Vacations.

Notice is hereby given to Trustees of Schools and others, that CHAPTER XI, of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, “Of Time in Session, Holidays, and Vacations” has been revised as follows:

#### HOLIDAYS.

The following Regulations have been added to SECTION 3, of the Chapter above-named.

a. When for any cause the Trustees of a school shall deem it desirable that any prescribed Teaching Day should be given as a Holiday, the school or schools may be kept in session on the Saturday of the week in which such Holiday has been given, and such Saturday shall be held to be in all respects a legal Teaching day.

b. When, owing to illness, or for any other just cause, a teacher loses any number of prescribed teaching days, such teacher shall have the privilege of making up for such lost days, to the extent of six during any Term, by Teaching on Saturdays; But

c. No School shall be kept in session more than five days per week for any two consecutive weeks;

d. Nor shall any Teacher teach more than FIVE DAYS PER WEEK on the average (vacations not being counted) during the period of his engagement in any term.

The Anniversary of the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY shall be a Holiday in all the Public Schools, as heretofore; also any day proclaimed as a public holiday throughout the Province.

#### VACATIONS.

The following Regulations have been made in lieu of SECTION 4, of the Chapter above-named:—

1. The CHRISTMAS VACATION shall remain as heretofore, the “eight days” being held to mean week-days other than Saturdays.

2. Instead of two vacations during the summer term (a week at seed time and a fortnight at harvest) as heretofore, THREE WEEKS (15 week-days other than Saturdays) shall hereafter be given as vacation during the summer term, at such time or times as the Trustees shall decide: Nevertheless

3. In order that the due Inspection of Schools as required by law, may not be interfered with, each Inspector shall have power, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing Regulations, to give notice of the day or days on which he proposes to visit any school or schools in his county for the purpose of Inspection, and to require that on the day or days so named such school or schools shall be kept in session.

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