

12559. From the Teachers of the Model Schools, respecting salaries.
 12555. From the Honorable William McMaster, on absence.
 12494. From Professor Wilson, on absence.

2. The Chief Superintendent requested the Committee to consider the mode of applying the grant of \$1000 for revising Text Books, and it was—

Ordered, That the attention of the Committee on School Regulations and Text Books be called to the existence of the grant, and that the letters relating to the subject be referred to them.

3. A Second Report (12569) from the Committee on Library and Prize Books was received and adopted.

4. A Report (12568) from the Committee on Rules of Order for the proceedings of the Council, and of the Interim Committee, was received and adopted.

5. Adjourned.

(Signed) H. J. GRASSETT,
Chairman.

(Certified) — Alex. Marling,
 C.C.F.I.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION, GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS, EXAMINERS AND TEACHERS IN ONTARIO.

Prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, under the authority of the Act 37 Victoria, chapter 27, section 27, subsections 18 to 23.

[NOTE.—These Regulations are provisionally adopted by the Council, subject to future revision.]

I. Terms, Hours of Daily Teaching, Holidays, and Vacations.

1. *Terms.*—There shall be four terms (or quarters) in each year, to be designated the winter, spring, summer, and autumn terms. The winter term shall begin the *seventh of January*, and end the *Tuesday next before Easter*; the spring term shall begin the *Wednesday after Easter*, and close the *fourteenth day of July*; the summer term shall begin the *sixteenth day of August*, and end the *Friday next before the fifteenth of October*; the autumn term shall begin the *Monday following the close of the summer term*, and shall end the *twenty-second of December*.

2. *Hours.*—The exercises of the day shall commence not later than *nine o'clock a.m.*, and shall not exceed *six hours* in duration, exclusive of the time allowed at noon for recreation, and of not less than *ten minutes* during each forenoon and each afternoon. Nevertheless, a less number of hours of daily teaching may be determined upon in any Public School, at the option of the trustees.

3. *Holidays.*—The schools shall be taught on all week days during the term except Saturdays, the anniversary of the birth of our Sovereign, Dominion Day, any local Municipal holiday, and such day as may be appointed by competent authority, for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving throughout the Province.

4. *Vacations.*—There shall be three vacations in each year; the first, or spring vacation shall begin on the *Wednesday next before Easter*, and end on the *Tuesday next after it*; the second, or summer vacation, shall begin on the *fifteenth day of July* and end on the *fifteenth day of August*, inclusive; and the third, or Christmas vacation, shall commence on the *twenty-second day of December* and end on the *6th of January*.

[NOTE.—No lost time can be lawfully made up by any teacher on any holiday, or during the vacations; and if so made up, it must be disallowed by the Inspector.]

5. *All Agreements* between Trustees, Masters and Teachers shall be subject to the foregoing regulations; and no Master or Teacher shall be deprived of any part of his salary on account of observing allowed holidays and vacations, or for sickness, as provided in regulation 4 of the "*Additional Duties of Masters and Teachers.*" Masters and Teachers shall be entitled to the holidays or vacations immediately following the close of their period of service.

II. Religious and Moral Instruction in the Public Schools.

1. As Christianity is recognized by common consent throughout this Province as an essential element of education, it ought to pervade all the regulations for elementary instruction. The Consolidated Public School Act, section 142, provides that "No person shall require any pupil in any public school to read or study in or from any religious book, or to join in any exercise of devotion or religion, objected to by his or her parents or guardians. Pupils shall be allowed to receive such religious instruction as their

parents or guardians desire, according to any general regulations provided for the organization, government, and discipline of Public Schools."

2. In the section of the Act thus quoted, the principle of religious instruction in the schools is recognized, the restrictions with which it is to be given are stated, and the exclusive right of each parent and guardian on the subject is secured.

3. The Public School being a *day*, and not a *boarding* school, rules arising from domestic relations and duties are not required, and as the pupils are under the care of their parents and guardians on Sabbaths, no regulations are called for in respect to their attendance at public worship.

III. Opening and Closing Religious Exercises of each Day.

With a view to secure the Divine blessing, and to impress upon the pupils the importance of religious duties, and their entire dependence on their Maker, the Council of Public Instruction recommends that the daily exercises of each Public School be opened and closed by reading a portion of Scripture, and by prayer. The Lord's Prayer alone, or the Forms of Prayer hereto annexed, may be used, or any other prayer preferred by the Trustees and Master of each school. But the Lord's Prayer shall form part of the opening exercise, and the Ten Commandments be taught to all the pupils, and be repeated at least once a week. But no pupil should be compelled to be present at these exercises against the wish of his parent or guardian, expressed in writing to the Master of the school.

FORMS OF PRAYER :

(BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.)

Let us Pray.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Fountain of all wisdom, enlighten, we beseech Thee, our understandings by Thy Holy Spirit, and grant that, whilst with all diligence and sincerity, we apply ourselves to the attainment of human knowledge, we fail not constantly to strive after that wisdom which maketh wise unto salvation; that so through Thy mercy we may daily be advanced both in learning and godliness, to the honour and praise of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

(AT THE CLOSE OF THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.)

Let us Pray.

Most merciful God, we yield Thee our humble and hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care and preservation of us this day, and for the progress which Thou hast enabled us to make in useful learning; we pray Thee to imprint upon our minds whatever good instructions we have received, and to bless them to the advancement of our temporal and eternal welfare; and pardon, we implore Thee, all that Thou hast seen amiss in our thoughts, words, and actions. May Thy good Providence still guide and keep us during the approaching interval of rest and relaxation, so that we may be prepared to enter on the duties of the morrow with renewed vigour, both of body and mind; and preserve us, we beseech Thee, now and forever, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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