V. Teachers' Agreements.

The attention of Teachers and Trustees is again called to the necessity of complying with the provision of the Law in relation to the disposal of the County Fund. It appears from the School Returns of the past Term that some teachers have in their agreements with Trustees in respect to salary, *assumed all risk as to the amount to be received from the County Fund.* Such proceeding is contrary to the provisions of the law and directly subversive of a most important principle of the school system, since the pecuniary penalty imposed upon the inhabitants of the section by the absence and irregular attendance of pupils is thereby inflicted upon the teacher, while the pecuniary rewards consequent upon a large and regular attendance of pupils at school is diverted from the people to the teacher. These results clearly tend to prevent the growth and development of a sentiment of responsibility and interest among all the inhabitants of each section, and thus measurably defeat the object of the whole system—the education of every child in the province.

The Superintendent of Education, therefore, calls the attention of Teachers and Trustees to the following

NOTICE.

1. The COUNTY FUND is paid to the TRUSTEES of the section. The amount depends upon the number of pupils, the regularity of their attendance, and the number of prescribed teaching days on which school is open in any section during the term.

2. Teachers must engage with Trustees at a *definite sum or rate.* The Provincial grant is paid to teachers *in addition* to such specified sum.

3. The following form of agreement is in accordance with the law:

[Form of Agreement.]

Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into the ——— day of ——— A.D. 186 , between *(name of teacher)* a duly licensed teacher of the ——— class of the one part, and *(names of trustees)* Trustees of School Section No. ——— in the District of ——— of the second part.

The said *(name of teacher)* on his (or her) part, in consideration of the below mentioned agreements by the parties of the second part, hereby covenants and agrees with the said *(names of Trustees)* Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office, diligently and faithfully to teach a public school in the said section, under the authority of the said Trustees and their successors in office, during the School Year (or Term) ending on the thirty-first day of October next, (or the thirtieth day of April, as the case may be).

And the said Trustees and their successors in office on their part covenant and agree with the said *(name of teacher)* Teacher as aforesaid, to pay the said *(name of teacher)* out of the School Funds under their control, at the rate of ——— dollars for the School Year (or Term.)

And it is hereby further mutually agreed that both parties to this agreement shall be in all respects subject to the provisions of the School Law and the Regulations made under its authority by the Council of Public Instruction.

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereto subscribed their names on the day and year first above written.

Witness, *(Name of Teacher.)*
(Name of Witness.) *(Names of Trustees.)*

4. Each Inspector is instructed to report every case of illegal stipulation on the part of teachers, in reference to the County Fund.

May, 1867.

VI. To Trustees of Public Schools.

1. "A relation being established between the trustees and the teacher, it becomes the duty of the former, on behalf of the people, to see that the scholars are making sure progress, that there is life in the school both intellectual and moral,—in short, that the great ends sought by the education of the young are being realized in the section over which they preside. All may not be able to form a nice judgment upon its intellectual aspect, but none can fail to estimate correctly its social and moral tone. While the law does not sanction the teaching in our public schools of the peculiar views which characterize the different denominations of Christians, it does instruct the teacher "to inculcate by precept and example a respect for religion and the principles of Christian morality." To the trustees the people must look to see their desires in this respect, so far as is consonant with the spirit of the law, carried into effect by the teacher."—"*Comments and Regulations*" *of Council of Public Instruction. p.* 51, *reg.* 5.

2. Whereas it has been represented to the Council of Public Instruction that Trustees of Public Schools have, in certain cases, required pupils, on pain of forfeiting school privileges, to be present during devotional exercises not approved of by their parents; and whereas such proceeding is contrary to the principles of the School Law, the following additional Regulation is made for the direction of Trustees, the better to ensure the carrying out of the spirit of the Law in this behalf:—

ORDERED, That in cases where the parents or guardians of children in actual attendance on any public school (or department) signify in writing to the Trustees their conscientious objection to any portion of such devotional exercises as may be conducted therein under the sanction of the Trustees, such devotional exercises shall either be so modified as not to offend the religious feelings of those so objecting, or shall be held immediately before the time fixed for the opening or after the time fixed for the close of the daily work of the school; and no children, whose parents or guardians signify conscientious objections thereto, shall be required to be present during such devotional exercises. *March*, 1867.

3. "The hours of teaching shall not exceed six each day, exclusive of the hour allowed at noon for recreation. Trustees, however, may determine upon a less number of hours. A short recess should be allowed about the middle of both the morning and afternoon session. In elementary departments, especially, Trustees should exercise special care that the children are not confined in the school room too long."—"*Comments and Regulations*" *of Council of Public Instruction, p.* 48, *reg.* 2.

VII. The procuring of Books and Apparatus.

1. WHEREAS, by the 20th Section of the Amended School Law, the ratepayers of each school section are empowered to assess themselves for the purchase of prescribed School Books, Maps, and Apparatus; and WHEREAS, by the 15th subdivision of the 6th section of the said law, an annual Provincial Grant is provided to enable the Superintendent of Education to furnish the above articles at half their cost, to School Trustees,—

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the Superintendent of Education will furnish, as below, School Books, Maps, and Apparatus, to the extent of the Provincial Grant in aid of the same.

2. Trustees must carefully comply with the following Regulations:—

Reg. 1.—Applications must be made in the following form, and addressed to MESSRS. A. & W. MACKINLAY, HALIFAX, who have been duly authorized to attend to all orders.

[Form of Application.]

(Date)

Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay,
Halifax.

SIRS,—We enclose *(or forward by* ——— *)* the sum of $———, for which you will please send us the following articles provided by the Superintendent of Education for use in the public schools. The parcel is to be addressed——— *(here give the address in full)* and forwarded by——— *(here state the name of the person, express company, or vessel; and, if by vessel, direct the parcel to be insured, if so desired.)*

LIST OF ARTICLES.

(Here specify distinctly the Books, Maps, &c., required, and the quantity of each sort.)

We certify that each and all of the articles named in the above list are required for use in the Public School (or Schools) under our control, and for no other purpose whatsoever; and we engage strictly to carry out the Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction for the management and preservation of school books and apparatus.

(Signed) ———
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——— } *Trustees of*———*School Section, in the County of*———

Reg. 2.—Any application not accompanied with the money will not be attended to.

Reg. 3.—All costs and risk of transportation of parcels must be borne by Trustees, (*i. e.* by the Sections on behalf of which they act, and not by the Educational Department.)

☞ If Trustees so direct in their application, goods (except Globes,) transported by *water* will be insured for the amount paid for the same by them, at the following rates:—

Parcels shipped during the First Term of the School year, 2½ per ct.
" " Second Term " " 1½ per ct.

Trustees must forward with their application the amount required to effect the insurance, otherwise parcels will not be insured. No charge will be made for policies.

Reg. 4.—Applications will, as far as the articles in stock and the annual grant permit, receive attention in the order of their receipt.

Regulations.

3. The following are the regulations of the Council of Public Instruction with reference to all Books, Maps, and Apparatus furnished to Trustees, under the operation of Sec. 6 (15) of the law concerning Public Schools:—

Reg. 1.—They shall be the property of the School Section, and not of private individuals (except as specified in Reg. 5.)

Reg 2.—Any pupil shall be entitled, free of charge, to the use of such school books as the teacher may deem necessary.

Reg. 3.—Any pupil shall have the privilege of taking home with him any books, &c., which, in the opinion of the teacher, may be required for study or use out of school.

Reg. 4.—Pupils, or their parents or guardians, shall be responsible for any damage done to books beyond reasonable wear and tear.

Reg. 5.—Any pupil desiring it, may be allowed to purchase from the trustees the books required by him, provided the same be done without prejudice to the claims of other pupils; the price to be, in all cases, the same as advertised in the official notice published from time to time in the *Journal of Education.* No pupil who has been allowed to purchase a book shall have any claim on the trustees for the free use of another of the same kind.

Reg. 6.—Any section neglecting to provide a sufficient supply of books, maps, and apparatus, may be deprived of the public grants.

Reg. 7.—Trustees shall make such further regulations, agreeably to law, as may be necessary to ensure the careful use and preservation of books, maps, and apparatus belonging to the section.

Any section infringing in any way upon the above regulations will forfeit the privilege of purchasing books, &c., at half cost.

4. List of Text-Books, Maps and Apparatus.

☞ The following list of Books will be extended, and other articles of apparatus included as the fund at the disposal of the Superintendent permits. The Wall-Maps (including one of the United States) now in course of preparation, under the supervision of the Educational Department, will be added to the list as soon as published.

THE NOVA SCOTIA SERIES OF READING BOOKS.

Book No. 1	$0.22½ doz.	Book No. 6	$0.17 ea.
" 2	0.50 "	" 7	0.23 "
" 3	0.06 each.	The art of Teaching Reading	0.07½" *Or,*
" 4	0.10 "	Bailey's Brief Treatise on Elocution	0.05 "
" 5	0.11 "		

SPELLING BOOK.

The Spelling Book Superseded, (Rev. Ed.) 8½ cents each.

GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION.

English Grammar.*
Morell's Analysis, 5 cents each.
Reid's Rudiments of Composition, 20 cents each.
Bain's Rhetoric, 40 cents each.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic.—Nova Scotia Elementary Arithmetic	10	cents each
Nova Scotia (advanced) Arithmetic	15	" "
Nova Scotia Arithmetical Table Book	19	" doz.
Algebra.—Chambers' Algebra, (as far as Quadratics)	20	" each
Do. Do. (complete)	30	" "
Plane Geometry.—Chambers' Euclid, (including Plane Trigonometry)	15	" "
Practical Mathematics.—Chambers', (including Land-surveying, a brief treatise on Navigation, &c.)	45	" "
Solid and Spherical Geometry.—Chambers', (including Spherical Trigonometry, Conic Sections, &c.)	15	" "
Mathematical Tables.—Chambers'	30	" "