

EASY FRENCH: A Reader for Beginners. By Wm. B. Snow and Chas. P. LeBon. Cloth. Pages 152. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

The book is very well suited to the needs of beginners. The stories are easy and of a kind to interest young readers; and this interest is used as a basis to give the pupil a grasp of the language and of elementary grammatical principles.

An ingenious and striking advertising suggestion to school advertisers is to be found in the neat little book issued by Chas. Scribner's Sons, Publishers, New York, entitled Scribner's Private School Primer. It contains facsimile pages of old family primers; and it is interesting to contrast the odd illustrations and precepts of bygone years with the artistic children's books of today.

MAY MAGAZINES.

The May number of the *Canadian Magazine* opens the 21st volume—an exceptional achievement in the history of magazines in Canada. There are some excellent stories by such authors as W. A. Fraser, Theodore Roberts, Mark Sweeten Wade and Albert R. Carman. Dr. Hannay's instalment of the War of 1812 is embellished with maps and photographs.... The *Atlantic Monthly* commemorates the coming centenary of Emerson with an article on Emerson as a Religious Influence. Mary Moss writes about the Evolution of the Trained Nurse, discussing her duties, privileges, qualifications (and some disqualifications), and there are other interesting articles, with fiction, poetry, etc., making up an unusually interesting number of this sterling magazine.... The *Living Age* for May 9 is full of timely articles. Professor H. H. Turner of Oxford replies to Dr. Wallace on "Man's Place in the Universe;" Prof. Harnack comments on "The Kaiser's Letter on Christ and Revelation;" there is a view of Mr. Chamberlain's career from *Blackwood's Magazine*; and a discussion of "The Unrest in the Balkans," by the Roumanian ex-Minister of Public Instruction, the Vice-President of the Central Macedonian Committee and the President of the Cretan Chamber of Deputies.... The April number of *Acadiensis*, David Russell Jack, St. John, editor, has an excellent and varied table of contents, including articles on the U. E. Loyalist Settlers of Upper St. Lawrence, Historic Sites in Canada, Indians of St. John Island, The Sea Cow Fishery, an illustrated Sketch of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, with other interesting and valuable articles of local and Canadian importance.... How can we bring parents and teachers into closer relations with each other, and the beneficial results of such alliance, are the points in a paper on Childhood, by Mrs. Theodore W. Birney in the May *Delineator*. It is certain that until parents and teachers become better acquainted an improvement in the condition of home and school will not result. Co-operation between parent and teacher may take the form of unions or clubs; and where such effective means of bringing them together are employed, the needs of children may be discussed to advantage. The article includes a list of questions regarding food, clothing, care of skin, exercise, sleep, etc., in their relation to the child, about which parents and teachers may concern themselves in joint conferences.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, N. B.

Official Notices.

I. SCHOOL YEAR, 1902-3 — NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

The number of teaching days for school year ending June 30th, 1903, is as follows: Ordinary Districts, 215; Districts having eight weeks' summer vacation, 205; the City of St. John, 204.

For the Term ending June 30th, 1903, the number of teaching days is 123 in all districts except in the City of St. John, where the number is 122.

II. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

a. Closing Examinations for License.—The closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, and at the Grammar School buildings, in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1903.

The English Literature required for First-Class candidates is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and selections from Keats, Shelley, and Byron as found in Select Poems, used in High Schools.

b. Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class.—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 7th, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The requirements for the several classes will be found on pages 115 and 116 of the School Manual.

Candidates are required to give notice to the Inspector within whose inspectorial district they wish to be examined not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of one dollar must be sent to the Inspector with the application.

c. Leaving Examinations.—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations.

These examinations are based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X and XI.

The subjects for the Leaving Examinations shall consist of English Language, English Literature, History and Geography, Arithmetic and Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Botany and Agriculture, with any two of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Latin, Greek, French—(Nine papers in all).

d. Matriculation Examinations.—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations. The Matriculation Examinations are also based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X, XI.

All candidates for Matriculation shall take the following subjects: Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, History and Geography, English Language, English Literature, Chemistry; also, either Greek or French and Natural History.

All candidates for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations must send in their applications to the Inspector within whose inspectorate they propose to be examined, not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of two dollars must accompany each application. Forms of application may be obtained from the Inspectors or from the Education Office.

The English Literature Subjects for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations will be the same as for the First-Class Candidates at the Closing Examinations.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examinations.

The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases. The Mathematical Paper will be based on Wentworth's Trigonometry and F. H. Stevens' Mensuration for Beginners.

e. High School Entrance Examinations.—These examinations will be held at the several Grammar and other High Schools, beginning on Monday, June 22nd, at 9 o'clock, a.m. Under the provisions of Regulation 46, question papers will be provided by the Department. The principals of the Grammar and High Schools are requested to notify the Chief Superintendent not later than June 1st as to the probable number of candidates.

For further details in regard to the Departmental Examinations see School Manual, Regulations 31, 32, 45 and 46.

III. EMPIRE DAY.

The attention of School Trustees and Teachers is especially directed to Regulation 47, School Manual, in reference to the observance of Empire Day, on the 22nd of May. In harmony with the spirit of Regulation 47, I strongly recommend that a part of the exercises of the day shall be devoted to the inculcation of the duties of citizenship, the sacredness of the ballot, and the obligations resting upon all citizens to guard and promote purity in public affairs.

IV. LICENSES ISSUED PRIOR TO 1872.

The Board of Education has ordered as follows:

That regulation 30 be annulled; and that all Teachers' Licenses issued by the authority of the Board of Education prior to January 15th, 1872, shall cease to be valid on and after the first day of July, 1903; provided, however, that the Chief Superintendent shall have authority to renew from year to year thereafter, in his discretion, any such license the holder of which is shown to be a person capable of rendering effective service as a teacher.

J. R. INCH,
Education Office,
March 25th, 1903.

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Chief Supt. of Education.