

Unauthorized Text-books.

It appears from the report of the Commissioners already referred to that unauthorized text-books have been used in some schools. These should be removed without delay, and the School Act and regulations in this respect strictly adhered to. All text-books heretofore authorized may continue to be used by such schools as have adopted them till the 1st of January, 1891. After that date their use must be discontinued, and the text-books herein mentioned exclusively used. In order that trustees and teachers may understand their position with regard to this matter the following sections from the Public Schools Act (See Revised Statutes, 1887, chap. 225,) and the Regulations of the Department are given:—

205. No teacher shall use or permit to be used as text-books any books in a Model or Public School, except such as are authorized by the Education Department, and no portion of the legislative or municipal grant shall be paid by the Inspector to any school in which unauthorized books are used.

206. Any authorized text-book in actual use in any Public or Model School may be changed by the teacher of such school for any other authorized text-book in the same subject, on the written approval of the Trustees and the Inspector, provided always such change is made at the beginning of a school term, and at least six months after such approval has been given.

207. In case any teacher or other person shall negligently or wilfully substitute any unauthorized text-book in place of any authorized text-book in actual use upon the same subject in his school, he shall for each such offence, on conviction thereof before a Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, as the case may be, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$10, payable to the municipality for Public School purposes, together with costs, as the Police Magistrate or Justice may think fit.

Section 183 says "It shall be the duty of the Inspector to withhold his order for the amount apportioned from the legislative or municipal grant to any school section where the teacher uses or permits to be used as a text-book, any book not authorized by the Department."

By Regulation 7, sub-section 9, approved in 1888, "it is, the duty of Inspectors to see that no text-books are placed in the hands of the pupils except those authorized for their use. Under the disguise of being books for home study, many unauthorized text-books are introduced into the school. This should be prevented by the Inspector in the exercise of his authority as an officer of the Education Department."