

### THE NEW MAP OF THE DOMINION.

We are glad to state that the new and revised Map of the Dominion will be published about the first part of July.

The long delay and disappointment in the publication of the Map, (which we greatly regret) were caused by the extreme difficulty of getting experienced workmen to complete it.

The publishers in their anxiety to meet the wishes of the Department, inserted advertisements in British, Continental, and American papers for skilled engravers, capable of finishing, in the proper style, this and other maps for this Department; but owing to the recent strikes of all kinds of artisans, and the application of steam to lithographic presses, therefore requiring more engraving to be done to keep them going, skilled workmen were most difficult to obtain. The Publishers succeeded, however, in getting a supply.

The trustees of High and Public Schools, who have sent in their order for the map, will have them sent as soon as possible, either by express to themselves, or (to save expense) in some cases, in large parcels, to the Inspectors.

Due notice will be sent to the different schools when their maps are ready to be despatched.

### POOR SCHOOLS IN NEW TOWNSHIPS.

The grants to the Poor Schools in New Townships (the applications from which have been received through the Local Inspector,) will shortly be certified to the Treasury Department for payment to the Treasurers of the Counties concerned. The grant is payable by the Treasurer, on the order of the Inspector, and must be applied solely to the payment of Teachers' Salaries, and not to building or repairing school houses, etc. Grants of old second hand readers and other text books, can be made to Poor Schools on application to the Department.

### "OLD COUNTY BOARD" CERTIFICATES.

The question is often asked: "Can the present Board of Examiners recall the old County Board Certificates?" We reply: They cannot recall any of the old County Board Certificates which were given for life, or for a term of years. They can, however, at the proper time, recall those which were given for an indefinite time, or during the pleasure of the Board; that is those which on the face of them clearly show that they were given subject to such recall. The Department has in all cases requested the Board of Examiners *not* to recall these latter certificates *this year*, nor until the supply of teachers is more equal to the demands of the schools than at present.

### VALUE AND DURATION OF CERTIFICATES.

The certificates to be awarded under these regulations are:

First Class Certificates, Grade A.
Do. do., Grade B.
Second Class Certificates, Grade A.
Do. do., Grade B.
Third Class Certificates.

1. First and Second Class Certificates are valid during good behaviour and throughout the Province of Ontario; and a First Class Certificate of the highest grade (A), renders the holder eligible for the office of County Inspector.

2. Third Class Certificates are valid only in the county where given, and for three years, and not renewable, except on the recommendation of the County Inspector; but a teacher, holding a Third Class Certificate, may be eligible in less than three years, for examination for a Second Class Certificate, on the special recommendation of his County Inspector.

### FIRST BOOK OF EUCLID FOR FEMALE TEACHERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of Public Instruction, at a meeting held on the 10th instant, directed that the First Book of Euclid be a subject of examination for female candidates for second and first class certificates, the subject of Domestic Economy being omitted.

This regulation will take effect at the July Examinations, 1873.

Candidates for third class certificates will be required in arithmetic, to solve ordinary questions in simple interest.

### SCHOOL PREMISES AND ACCOMMODATION.

We would request the attention of Inspectors to Note a of Regulation No. 4 of their "Duties," in which they are directed to call the attention of Trustees to the condition of the School premises. In many School sections the School-house has been allowed to remain in the same state for fifteen or twenty years and longer, often on a bare open space, or on the road-side unenclosed, without a tree or shrub near by to shade it, or any provision being made by the Trustees for the convenience or health of the pupils, or even for their observance of the decencies of life. The Legislature has wisely decided that this state of things shall not continue, but that, as soon as possible, a remedy shall be applied, where necessary. A reasonable time should of course be allowed to Trustees in all cases to set things right; but in the meantime Inspectors will, we trust, not fail to urge upon Trustees the necessity of complying, as soon as possible, with the provisions of the law on this subject.

### THE ACT OF 1871 AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

In reply to a question frequently asked, we desire to say that the new School Act and Regulations do *not* in any way affect the Separate Schools. It was not intended to affect them when the Act was passed; and it would be unjust to the supporters of these Schools thus to legislate for them indirectly, and without their knowledge. The Inspectors will, therefore, be particular not to apply the Act, or any of the new Regulations to Separate Schools.

### NORMAL SCHOOL FOR ONTARIO.

The next Session of the Normal School will commence, (D. V.,) on the 8th of August. Students must be in attendance on that day.

### X. Advertisements.

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