

ENQUIRIES.

Q. Have School Commissioners the right to adopt regulations for the guidance of their teachers which conflict with the provisions of the School Law or with the regulations of the Department?

A. No. And teachers are not bound by such regulations.

Q. Can ratepayers secure the removal of an unfaithful secretary-treasurer?

A. The rate-payers can petition the School Commissioners for his removal. They may also petition the Superintendent for an investigation. The Superintendent has no power to remove a secretary-treasurer, but he may, after investigation, refuse all further communication with him.

Q. Is corporal punishment allowed in the schools of the Province?

A. There is no provision in the School Law concerning corporal punishment of pupils by teachers. Teachers have the same powers in this respect as parents, and may administer corporal punishment unless forbidden to do so by regulation of the Board under which they are teaching.

Q.—In view of the prevalence of small-pox, will it be desirable to hold the Teachers' Convention in Montreal this year?

A.—At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers it was decided not to hold the Convention in Montreal this year in consequence of the prevalence of small-pox.

With the coming school year hundreds of young and inexperienced teachers, just turned out from college and normal schools, will take their places in the teachers' ranks. A certain percentage of these are sure to be accounted failures for many reasons, chiefly because the teacher, like the poet, is born and not made. It is of importance for these beginners to know from the first that other things being equal, permanence of position is one of the most essential requisites of success. Avoid being an educational tramp. You may receive offers more tempting, but until your reputation as a teacher is established, until you become sure of your own work, it is best not to make frequent changes. Another thing that these young people may learn, and well, that is, be progressive. Do not be afraid of new ideas—new methods. They may not all be adopted, but each one contains some good that perhaps can be utilized.