

## N. B. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

## Official Notices.

## DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS, 1897.

## I. License Examinations.

Final Examinations for Grammar, Superior and Common School Licenses, Classes I and II, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, at the Centennial School Building, St. John, and at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, June 8th, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Candidates not in attendance at the Normal School should give notice to the Chief Superintendent on or before the first day of June. No candidate is eligible unless he has passed the preliminary examination for the class desired. Grammar School Candidates must notify the Chief Superintendent, not later than May 15th, of options or substitutions they may desire, under the provisions of Regulation 42, School Manual, p. 89.

## II. Normal School Entrance and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class.

All candidates for admission to the Normal School in September 1897, and all holders of Second or Third Class Licenses, who propose to enter the Normal School in January 1898, or to become eligible for examination for advance of class in June 1898, are required to pass the preliminary examinations beginning on Tuesday, July 6th, at 9 o'clock, a. m. (See School Manual, Reg. 31, 3, and Reg. 38, 6).

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.

Candidates who paid the fee at a former examination and who failed to obtain any class will not be required to pay the fee at the coming examination.

Candidates cannot be admitted to the Normal School in September next unless, if male, of the full age of 18 years; and if females, of the full age of 16 years, at the time of enrolment.

## III. Matriculation and Junior Leaving Examinations.

These examinations will be held, beginning on July 6th, at 9 a. m., at the same stations as the Normal School Entrance Examinations. Application, accompanied by a fee of two dollars, should be sent, not later than the 24th of May, to the Inspector within whose inspectorate the candidate wishes to be examined.

The Junior Matriculation Examinations are based on the requirements for matriculation in the University of New Brunswick, as laid down in the University calendar. Candidates will receive a calendar upon application to the Chancellor of the University, or to the Education Office. Any High or Grammar school pupil who has completed Grade XI of the High School Course, should be prepared for matriculation.

Note.—Elementary Chemistry, as in Williams' Introduction to Chemical Science (Chapters I to XXX inclusive), is now required of all candidates for matriculation.

The Junior Leaving Examinations are based upon the requirements of the course of study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the syllabus for Grades IX and X, and will include the following subjects: English Grammar and Analysis; English Composition and Literature; Arithmetic and Book-keeping; Algebra; Geometry; History and Geography; Botany and Physics; and either Latin or French, or Chemistry, or Physiology and Hygiene. (Eight papers in all).

The pupils of any school in the province are eligible for admission to this examination. Diplomas are granted to successful candidates.

The stations at which the Entrance, Matriculation and Leaving Examinations will be held are the following: Fredericton, St. John, Moncton, Sussex, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Chatham, Bathurst, Campbellton, Andover and Hillsboro; provided, however, that if less than twelve candidates ask to be examined at any of the stations named, no examination shall be held at such station or stations, and the candidates who have chosen to be examined at such station or stations will be instructed to present themselves at some of the other stations.

The Department will supply the necessary stationery to the candidates at the July examinations, and all answers must be written upon the paper supplied by the Supervising Examiners.

In the June examinations the candidates will supply their own stationery.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examinations: on June 8th at 8 o'clock, p. m., and on July 8th, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases.

Forms of application for the July examinations will be sent to candidates upon application to the Inspectors or the Education Office.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

For the purpose of determining what pupils shall be enrolled as Grammar or High School pupils at the beginning of the second term in each school year, Entrance Examinations shall be held simultaneously during the last week of the term ending June 15th at each Grammar School in the province, and at the Moncton, St. Stephen, and such other High Schools as may hereafter be named. These examinations shall be conducted as follows:

1. Examination papers prepared under the direction of the Chief Superintendent shall be forwarded under seal to the local School Superintendent (or to the Secretary of the School Board if there be no Superintendent in each city, town or district in which an examination is to be held).

2. The local Superintendent, or Secretary of the School Board, and the Principal of the Grammar or High School, with such assistance as they may deem necessary, shall supervise the examinations in accordance with instructions given by the Chief Superintendent.

3. The answer papers of the pupils shall be read and their values estimated by an Examining Board, consisting of the Principal of the Grammar or High School, who shall be the Chairman of the Examining Board, the teachers on the staff of the Grammar or High School, and at least an equal number of teachers of Grade VIII, the latter to be appointed by the City or Town Superintendent, or, where there is no Superintendent, by the Secretary of the School Board. Each paper must be read and its value estimated by two of the examiners, acting either jointly or separately. In case their estimates do not agree, the average of their separate estimates is to be taken as the value of the paper.

Note.—It is very desirable that all the papers on the same subject shall be read and estimated by the same examiners.

4. The names of the successful candidates shall be arranged in two divisions in accordance with the following standards:

Division I.—Those whose aggregate marks amount to not less than two-thirds of the total number of marks possible to be obtained, and whose marks on each subject shall not be less than one-half of the maximum mark assigned to each subject.

Division II.—Those whose aggregate marks amount to not less than one-half of the total number of marks possible to be obtained, and whose marks on each subject shall not be less than one-third of the maximum mark assigned to such subject.

5. Candidates whose aggregate marks amount to less than one-half and more than one-third of the total number of marks possible, may be further tested by an oral examination, conducted by the Local Superintendent or Secretary, the Principal of the Grammar or High School, and a teacher of Grade VIII named by the local Superintendent or Secretary, a majority of whom shall determine which and how many of said candidates shall receive permits to enter the Grammar or High School under the Standard, Division III.

6. The Supervising Examiners shall make a full report of the results of the examinations, showing the number of Candidates who passed in Divisions I and II, the number recommended for admittance in Division III, and the number who failed, together with any suggestions or recommendations the examiners may desire to make. This report shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees, and a copy sent to the Chief Superintendent, not later than the first day of August in each year.

7. Special Examinations.—Candidates who have been unavoidably prevented from presenting themselves at the regular examinations, may make application at least ten days before the opening of the schools, to the Supervising Examiners for a Special examination. The application must state definitely the reason or reasons why the candidate failed to appear at the regular examinations, and if these reasons appear to the Supervising Examiners satisfactory and sufficient they shall grant a special examination to such candidate or candidates at any time appointed by the Supervising Examiners before the opening of the school. Such examination shall be conducted and the papers estimated, as nearly as possible, in the same way as the regular examinations were conducted. Candidates admitted after special examination shall be regarded as on probation, and shall be subject to removal from the Grammar or High School classes at the end of the school year, if reported by the Principal as having failed to do satisfactorily the work assigned to the regular classes.

## GRAMMAR AND SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

In order to be entitled to Grammar School Provincial Grant, after the close of the present school year, Grammar Schools in towns must have enrolled not less than fifteen pupils who shall have passed the High School Entrance Examinations, and Grammar Schools in villages must have enrolled not less than ten pupils who shall have passed the High School Entrance Examinations.

In order to be entitled to Superior School Provincial Grant, after the close of the present term, Schools must have at least two graded departments, and must have enrolled not less than ten competent pupils above Grade VII.

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