

greatly increased cost of production, that we urge all subscribers to be prompt with their remittances. We ask your co-operation and support in our attempt to make the terms strictly in advance.

It is to be hoped that more of our teachers will use the poems which are presented in the "English in the Grades" each month. One Grade VII. teacher told the editor that her class enjoyed that work the best of all their studies last year. They grew so enthusiastic that they wished there were more poems suggested. Surely no teacher can afford to do less than encourage her pupils to memorize one poem of English Literature each month.

The public schools of Nova Scotia open on Aug. 23rd. Those teachers who go to the Institute are given that week additional vacation. The schools of New Brunswick open on August 26th, and the Provincial Normal School on September 1st.

RECENT EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION IN THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES.

During the Parliamentary sessions of the current year considerable attention was given to education by the Legislatures of the Atlantic Provinces.

Prince Edward Island. The Prince Edward Island Parliament amended and consolidated "The School Act of 1877 with Amendments," under the title of "The School Act of 1920." A number of changes in the educational laws of that Province may be noted.

The Province is divided into six inspectorial districts rather than three such districts provided by the former law. Some mention is made of retiring allowances and pensions for teachers who have taught for a long term in the Province. The Inspectors are asked to report districts failing to make reasonable provision "for health, comfort and progress of the children attending school;" to diffuse "information tending to promote the improvement of school houses and grounds."

The minimum salary which all legally qualified teachers employed in the public schools of Prince Edward Island are entitled to receive is determined according to license as follows: Male teachers of first class, \$600, of which \$500 shall be paid from the Provincial Treasury; Second class, \$482, of which \$407 shall come from the Provincial treasury; Third class, \$375, of which \$350 is paid by the Province. The salaries for women teachers are less than the above schedule as follows: First class, \$512.50, of which \$100 must be raised by the district; Second class, \$425, of which \$75 is raised by the district; and Third class teacher, \$312.50, of which but \$25 is raised by the district. The license of the teacher who

engages to teach for a less salary than the above minimum shall be suspended and remain so at the discretion of the Board of Education.

In addition to the above grant any teacher may receive from the Provincial treasury fifty per cent. of any amount raised by the district over and above the minimum required to be raised by this Act. This additional grant may not exceed \$50.

The privilege of being a qualified voter at all school meetings and eligible to election as school trustee is open to any married woman or widow having one or more children of school age actually attending school.

The Board of Education may grant a license to any person holding a valid license to teach in the public schools of another Province, if the Board of Education be satisfied with the qualifications of that person.

The Compulsory Attendance clause of the Act is improved by extending the age limit from 7 to 13 in lieu of 8 to 13 of the former Act, and by requiring attendance twenty weeks rather than twelve weeks in rural communities and twenty weeks in the towns of Charlottetown and Summerside. The Inspectors are empowered to investigate all cases of such neglect and prosecute the person liable. This obligation rested with the local trustees by the former Act.

The amounts allowed for school purposes to be assessed upon the towns of Charlottetown and Summerside is considerably increased, that of the first being \$35,000, and the second \$12,000.

Nova Scotia. In Nova Scotia the Provincial grant has been increased, allowing the same amount to men and women teachers according to the license held, as follows: Class D, \$70; Class C, \$105; Class B, \$140; Class A, \$175; Academic, \$210, and Principal of a High School, \$245 for the year.

The municipal school fund to each school section shall be apportioned at the rate of \$120 for each qualified teacher employed and a small sum in addition for each "rural school library and school garden kept up to the standard of form and efficiency prescribed by the council."

Certain changes made in the Education Act, the Assessment Act and Towns Incorporation Act, to simplify the working of each and make them more consistent, will affect taxation procedure.

No pupil can legally be admitted to public school without (a) a physician's certificate of successful vaccination; (b) a physician's certificate that, by reason of the child's health, vaccination is inadvisable; (c) the declaration of conscientious objection on the part of parent or custodian; (d) a physician's certificate that the child has had small pox.