

the first paper, An International Dinner, is decidedly novel in character. The real nature of the article is veiled by the delightful story form in which it appears. A number of friends meet occasionally at each other's homes for the purpose of enjoying the pleasures of the table, as well as each other's society, and "Carlotta and I," who entertain in this instance, impart the secrets of the dishes served, to their guests, much jollity and breezy conversation accompanying the telling. Grace Cook supplies the illustrations, which are a pleasing addition. . . . The tinted pictures and colored cover of the *Easter Canadian Magazine* are attractive, and indicate the rapid development of color printing. To issue a good magazine in this country was not long ago considered an impossibility, on account of the limited extent of our population. The *Canadian Magazine* has proved the incorrectness of this impression, and is now showing that Canadian engravers and printers are keeping pace with the world's progress. The remarkable article by Alfred R. Wallace, on Man's Place in the Universe, which has attracted so much attention both in England and this country since its appearance in the *March Fortnightly*, is re-printed entire in the *Living Age* for April 4.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, N. B.

### Official Notices.

#### I. SCHOOL YEAR, 1902-3 — NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

The number of teaching days for school year ending June 30th, 1903, is as follows: Ordinary Districts, 215; Districts having eight weeks' summer vacation, 205; the City of St. John, 204.

For the Term ending June 30th, 1903, the number of teaching days is 123 in all districts except in the City of St. John, where the number is 122.

#### II. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

*a. Closing Examinations for License.*—The closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, and at the Grammar School buildings, in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1903.

The English Literature required for First-Class candidates is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and selections from Keats, Shelley, and Byron as found in Select Poems, used in High Schools.

*b. Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class.*—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 7th, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The requirements for the several classes will be found on pages 115 and 116 of the School Manual.

Bright, fresh and spring-like is the April number of the *Housekeeper Magazine*, published at Minneapolis, Minn. Jessis Ackermann, the famous traveller, contributes the second of her series of illustrated articles describing her adventures in various parts of the world. The parallel traits of men and dogs are described in the April instalment of *A Society Woman's Letters to Her Daughter*, edited by Martha McCulloch-Williams. A Violet Wedding, the second in the series of Twelve Pretty Weddings, is the story of an uniquely artistic idea, cleverly carried out.

Candidates are required to give notice to the Inspector within whose inspectional 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.

*c. Leaving Examinations.*—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations.

These examinations are based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X and XI.

The subjects for the Leaving Examinations shall consist of English Language, English Literature, History and Geography, Arithmetic and Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Botany and Agriculture, with any two of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Latin, Greek, French—(Nine papers in all).

*d. Matriculation Examinations.*—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance Examinations. The Matriculation Examinations are also based on the requirements of the Course of Study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the Syllabus for Grades IX, X, XI.

All candidates for Matriculation shall take the following subjects: Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, History and Geography, English Language, English Literature, Chemistry; also, either Greek or French and Natural History.

All candidates for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations must send in their applications to the Inspector within whose inspectional district they propose to be examined, not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of two dollars must accompany each application. Forms of application may be obtained from the Inspectors or from the Education Office.

The English Literature Subjects for the Matriculation and Leaving Examinations will be the same as for the First-Class Candidates at the Closing Examinations.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examinations.

The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases. The Mathematical Paper will be based on Wentworth's Trigonometry and F. H. Stevens' Mensuration for Beginners.

*e. High School Entrance Examinations.*—These examinations will be held at the several Grammar and other High Schools, beginning on Monday, June 22nd, at 9 o'clock, a.m. Under the provisions of Regulation 46, question papers will be provided by the Department. The principals of the Grammar and High Schools are requested to notify the Chief Superintendent not later than June 1st as to the probable number of candidates.

For further details in regard to the Departmental Examinations see School Manual, Regulations 31, 32, 45 and 46.

#### III. EMPIRE DAY.

The attention of School Trustees and Teachers is especially directed to Regulation 47, School Manual, in reference to the observance of Empire Day, on the 22nd of May. In harmony with the spirit of Regulation 47, I strongly recommend that a part of the exercises of the day shall be devoted to the inculcation of the duties of citizenship, the sacredness of the ballot, and the obligations resting upon all citizens to guard and promote purity in public affairs.

#### IV. LICENSES ISSUED PRIOR TO 1872.

The Board of Education has ordered as follows:

That regulation 30 be annulled; and that all Teachers' Licenses issued by the authority of the Board of Education prior to January 15th, 1872, shall cease to be valid on and after the first day of July, 1903; provided, however, that the Chief Superintendent shall have authority to renew from year to year thereafter, in his discretion, any such license the holder of which is shown to be a person capable of rendering effective service as a teacher.

J. R. INCH,

Chief Supt. of Education.

Education Office,

March 25th, 1903.

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