

Journal of Education.

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THE late session of the Provincial Educational Association at Truro was well attended, and its proceedings of a nature to encourage all concerned for the progress of Education in the Province. The great bulk of the enrolled membership was composed of Teachers in active service, many of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to enjoy the advantages offered by this Educational gathering. While yielding respectful attention to the views and arguments of the Inspectors and other senior Educationists, the Teachers present participated in the discussions and business of the Association with an earnestness and freedom which did them much credit. The prepared papers read at the regular sessions of the Association were of a quality to leave nothing to be desired.

The protracted consideration of the important subject of a Course of Study for the Public Schools issued in what we believe will prove a large outcome of benefit to the cause of Education in Nova Scotia. We hope at an early date to announce that in its substantial features the course ultimately decided on by the Association has received the *imprimatur* of the Council of Public Instruction.

THE change introduced last term in the legal mode of apportioning the County Fund has led, as our readers will perceive, to an alteration in the County Fund as published in this Journal. Instead of the *number of registered pupils*, an item not affecting a School's share in the fund in question, we now publish the *number of legally authorized teaching days* the School or Schools were open. When this number exceeds the teaching days of the entire term it will be understood that the School has two or more departments.

CERTAIN desirable changes have been authorized by the Council of Public Instruction in the Regulations of the Provincial Normal School. The most important of these are, rendering necessary an entire session for obtaining classification, and limiting the privilege of admission to the early weeks of the session. Intending applicants for entrance should send at as early a date as possible to the Principal for Calendar of Regulations and By-laws. At no past period in its history has the Normal School been contributing so efficiently to our Educational progress as at present. The results of last year's work were encouraging in a high degree.

WE reprint from last October's *Journal* :

The Trustees act in Educational matters for the people of the Section, and their responsibility is of course to some extent measured by the facilities and means placed at their disposal by the Annual Meeting. At the same time it should not be forgotten that the state of Education in a community will very largely depend on the efficiency with which these officers discharge their duties. Given a Teacher of the right stamp, the Trustees should use both their corporate and personal influence to strengthen his hands and confirm his authority. Much care should be exercised to secure the services of a Secretary of business habits. Proper effort should be put forth to provide in connection with School Houses and grounds, the requisite conditions of physical well-being and comfort. The state of too many school premises is simply disgraceful. We are pleased to know that the Inspectors generally are exerting themselves to effect an improvement in this direction by faithful counsel and a prudent use of the authority with which they are invested. "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

TRUSTEES of Cumberland County, West Colchester, and District of Stirling, are notified that Inspector's Certificates and Trustees' Memoranda, will be deposited in the Municipal Treasurer's Office at Amherst and Truro, November 22nd, on and after which date the County money will be payable to Trustees on their written order.

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OFFICIAL



NOTICES.

THE number of Teaching Days for the current term closing Oct. 31st, is 109 ;—for the City of Halifax, 103.

The number of Teaching Days for the ensuing term, beginning Nov. 1st, is 118 ;—for the City of Halifax, 115.

MINUTE OF COUNCIL RESPECTING CHRISTMAS VACATION.

(Adopted April 5th, 1881.)

It is ordered that hereafter the Christmas vacation of two weeks, (ten teaching days) shall be taken in accordance with the following directions :

When Christmas falls on	Vacation shall begin on	School shall re-open on.
Sunday.	Saturday, Dec. 24	Monday, Jan. 9.
Monday.	" Dec. 23	" Jan. 8.
Tuesday.	" Dec. 22	" Jan. 7.
Wednesday.	" Dec. 21	" Jan. 6.
Thursday.	" Dec. 20	" Jan. 5.
Friday.	" Dec. 19	" Jan. 4.
Saturday.	Friday, Dec. 24	" Jan. 10.

THE following has been ordered to be published in the Journal of Education as a Comment of Council on Section 30 of School Law defining duties of Trustees :—

The Board of Trustees should at its first meeting after the Annual School Meeting, fix the time and place for its regular meetings during the school year, if the requirements of the section render such meetings desirable. When this is done, no other notice of any regular meeting will be required to be given to the Trustees. Whenever a special meeting is necessary, each member should be duly notified of the same.

A majority of the Board of Trustees is competent to transact business only when all the members have received notice of the meeting.

INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INSPECTORS.

- District No. 1, the City and County of Halifax—Hinkle Condon Halifax.
- District No. 2, the Counties of Lunenburg and Queens—Thomas R Patillo, A. M., Lunenburg.
- District No. 3, the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth—A. C. A. Doane, Barrington.
- District No. 4, the Counties of Digby and Annapolis—Leander S Morse, A. M., Bridgetown.
- District No. 5, the Counties of Kings and Hants—Colin W. Roscoe Wolfville.
- District No. 6, the Counties of Antigonish and Guysborough—Roderick McDonald, Antigonish.
- District No. 7, the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond—M. J. T. Macneil, River Bourgeois, C. B.
- District No. 8, the Counties of Inverness and Victoria—John Y. Gunn, Broad Cove, C. B.
- District No. 9, the County of Pictou and that part of the County of Colchester not included in No. 10—David H. Smith, A. M., Truro
- District No. 10, the County of Cumberland and that part of the County of Colchester comprised by the District of Stirling and the Townships of Economy and Londonderry—William D. McKenzie, Parrsboro.

The attention of Trustees is directed to the following extract from the Educational Act passed in 1879 :—

"It shall be the further duty of the Trustees to forward to the Inspector of Schools within one week after the annual School Meeting of the Section a copy of the minutes of the meeting duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof."