



OFFICIAL NOTICES.

112 Teaching Days in this Term.

MINUTE OF COUNCIL.

Passed June 6th, 1872.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION.—HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

At a meeting held on the 6th day of June, the Council of Public Instruction passed the following minute:

Ordered, That after the present School Year, the semi-annual examination for License to teach in the Public Schools, shall be discontinued; and there shall be an Annual examination instead, commencing on the first Tuesday after the 15th of July in each year.

There shall also be but one session of the Normal School in each year, instead of two sessions as heretofore; the annual session shall open on the first Wednesday in November, and close the Friday preceeding the annual Provincial Examination in July.

The Council also order, that there shall be a summer vacation of four weeks—that is of twenty week days other than Saturdays—in all the Public Schools; instead of three weeks as heretofore. After the present year, this vacation shall commence on the Monday preceeding the annual examination of teachers.

There shall be a Christmas vacation of two weeks—that is of ten days other than Saturdays—in all the Public Schools, instead of eight as heretofore.

I. The Provincial Normal School.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTORS.

NORMAL COLLEGE.

Method, and the Natural Sciences—J. B. CALKIN, M.A., Esq.
Principal of the Normal College and Model School.
English Language, Geography &c.—J. A. McCARTER, Esq.
Mathematics—W. R. MCHOLLAND, Esq.
Music—Miss ANNE HYDE.

MODEL SCHOOL.

High School Department, HUGH MCKENZIE, Esq.
Preparatory " JAMES LITTLE, Esq.
Senior Elementary " Miss M. A. HAMILTON.
Junior do. " Miss B. ARCHIBALD.
Primary " Miss A. LEAKE.

II. Address of Inspectors.

Hinkle Coudon, Esq. Halifax.
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Alexander Munro, Esq. Baddeck.
Edmund Outram, M.A. Sydney.
Isami Benoit, Esq. D'Escousse.

III. Teachers' Agreements.

The attention of Teachers and Trustees is again called to the necessity of complying with the provisions of the Law in relation to the disposal of the county Fund. It appears from the School Returns of the past Term that some teachers have in their agreements with Trustees in respect to salary, assumed all risk as to the amount to be received from the County Fund. Such proceeding is contrary to the provisions of the law and directly subversive of a most important principle of the School system, since the pecuniary penalty imposed upon the inhabitants of the section by the absence and irregular attendance of pupils is thereby inflicted upon the teacher, while the pecuniary rewards

consequent upon a large and regular attendance of pupils at school is diverted from the people to the teacher. These results clearly tend to prevent the growth and development of a sentiment of responsibility and interest among all the inhabitants of each section, and thus measurably defeat the object of the whole system—the education of every child in the Province.

The Superintendent of Education, therefore, calls the attention of Teachers and Trustees to the following

NOTICE:

1. The COUNTY FUND is paid to the Teachers of the section. The amount depends upon the number of pupils, the regularity of their attendance, and the number of prescribed teaching days on which school is open in any section during the term.
2. Teachers must engage with Trustees at a definite sum or rate. The Provincial grant is paid to teachers in addition to such stipend.
3. The following form of agreement is in accordance with the law:

(FORM OF AGREEMENT.)

Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into the _____ day of _____ A.D. 18____ between _____ (name of teacher) a duly Licensed teacher of the _____ case of the one part, and _____ (name of Trustees) Trustees of School Section No _____ in the district of _____ of the second part.

The said (name of teacher) on his (or her) part, in consideration of the below mentioned agreements by the parties of the second part, hereby covenants and agrees with the said (name of Trustees) Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office, diligently and faithfully to teach a public school in the said section under the authority of the said Trustees and their successors in office, during the School Year (or Term) ending on the thirty-first day of October next, for the thirtieth day of April, as the case may be.)

And the said Trustees and their successors in office on their part covenant and agree with the said (name of Teacher) Teacher as aforesaid, to pay the said (name of teacher) out of the School Funds under their control, at the rate of _____ dollars for the School Year (or Term.)

And it is further mutually agreed that both parties to this agreement shall be in all respects subject to the provisions of the School Law and the Regulations made under its authority by the Council of Public Instruction.

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereto subscribed their names on the day and year first above written.

Witness,

(Name of Witness)

(Name of Teacher)

4. Each Inspector is instructed to report every case of illegal stipulation on the part of teachers, in reference to the County Fund.

IV. To Trustees of Public Schools.

1. "A relation being established between the trustee and the teacher, it becomes the duty of the former, on behalf of the people, to see that the scholars are making sure progress, that there is life in the school, both intellectual and moral,—in short, that the great ends sought by the education of the young are being realized in the section over which they preside. All may not be able to form a true judgment upon its intellectual aspect, but none can fail to estimate correctly its social and moral tone. While the law does not sanction the teaching in our public schools of the particular views which characterize the different denominations of Christians, it does instruct the teacher "to inculcate by precept and example a respect for religion and the principles of Christian Morality." To the Trustees the people must look to see their desires in this respect, so far as is consistent with the spirit of the law, carried into effect by the teacher."

"Conduct and Regulations of Council of Public Instruction, p. 51 reg. 5."

2. Whereas it has been represented to the Council of Public Instruction that Trustees of Public Schools have, in certain cases, required pupils, on pain of forfeiting school privileges, to be present during devotional exercises not approved of by their parents; and whereas such proceeding is contrary to the principles of the School Law, the following additional Regulation is made for the direction of Trustees, the better to ensure the carrying out of the spirit of the Law in this behalf:—

ORDERED, That in cases where the parents or guardians of children in actual attendance on any public school (or department) signify in writing to the Trustees their conscientious objection to any portion of such devotional exercises as may be conducted therein under the sanction of the Trustees, such devotional exercises shall either be so modified as not to offend the religious feelings of those so objecting, or shall be held immediately before the time fixed for the opening or after the time fixed for the close of the daily work of the school; and no children, whose parents or guardians signify conscientious objections thereto, shall be required to be present during such devotional exercises.

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3. "The hours of teaching shall not exceed six each day, exclusive of the hour allowed at noon for recreation. Trustees, however, may determine upon a less number of hours. A short recess should be allowed about the middle of both the morning and afternoon session. In elementary departments, especially, Trustees should exercise special care that the children are not confined in the school room too long."—See *Manual of Laws and Regulations for Public Schools*, page 32, sec. 10.

SCHOOL DESKS.

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