

For the Journal of Education.

MR. EDITOR.—In several of the sections visited the past month, the work of providing school accommodation is rapidly progressing. Taking these sections in the order in which they appear in my "notes of inspection," we have

1. *The Pleasant Valley Section.*—The house in this section is 22 x 36. The outside is finished and painted, and the inside will be ready for school by the 1st November. It reflects much credit on the section, which is weak and scattered.

2. *The Rockville Section.*—The house in process of building in this section is one of the finest in the County. It is 27 x 60, with 14 feet posts. It will probably be furnished with patent desks and seats, and will be ready for school the coming term.

3. *The Upper Selma Section.*—This section, though having sustained a loss of \$800 or \$1000 in the former house, which was destroyed by fire, is now engaged in the erection of another still more splendid and stylish. It is 28 by 60, with a front entrance 10 x 20. It will be finished and furnished by 1st November.

4. *The Brooklyn Section.*—The house in this section is 34 x 60, and the ceiling will be 18 feet above the floor. It will be furnished with patent desks and seats, and ready for school by 1st November.

5. *Mutton Cove Section.*—This section, which had been without a school house of any kind for some years, commenced building a short time since. The building is 28 x 42, and is to be completed by 1st November.

6. *The Tenecape Section.*—The house in this section was finished a few months ago. It is painted inside and out, and furnished with improved Dawson seats and desks.

7. *The Birch Brook Section.*—This is a very weak and sparsely settled section. A neat and stylish little building, 18 x 22, has, however, been erected, and the outside finished and painted, and the inside will be finished by 1st November.

An improvement in the general character of the schools is quite manifest. The attendance is considerably greater than for the corresponding term last year.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, JULY 7TH, 1866.—"Provision being made by the School Law for the publication of a *Journal of Education*, the Council of Public Instruction directs that the said *Journal* be made the medium of official notices in connexion with the Educational Department."

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### I. Examination of Teachers.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under authority of an Act passed in the late session of the Legislature, the Council of Public Instruction has made the following Regulations in reference to the Examination and Licensing of Teachers of Public Schools in this Province:

#### Of Existing Licenses.

1. Subject to all the limitations and restrictions under which they were originally granted, all legal and valid Licenses now held shall continue to be legal and valid as follows:—

Head Masters' Certificates,	1	7th November 1st, 1863.
Licenses of the First Class,	1	
" " Second Class,	"	1869.
" " Third Class,	"	1870.

2. Licenses issued by the late Boards of District Examiners remain valid as above in the District for which originally issued, and for any other District or Districts in which they may have been duly endorsed previous to May, 1867. "Permissive" Licenses cease to be valid on the expiration of the period for which they were originally granted.

#### Of the Issue of Licenses in Future.

1. All Licenses granted in future shall be under seal of the Council, and shall be valid for the whole Province.

2. The Syllabus of Examination for Licenses of the several Grades shall be the same as that published in the Regulations of the Council, 1866.

3. The Examination Questions shall be uniform for the whole Province, and, where possible, each candidate shall be furnished with a printed copy of the same.

4. All candidates for License will be required, on presenting themselves for examination, to furnish a written certificate of good moral character, signed by a Minister of Religion or by two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace; and such certificate shall be filed in the Educational Department, together with the other papers relating to the candidate's examination.

5. There shall be two examinations each year, one in each School Term. The examination for the current Term shall begin on

TUESDAY, FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

6. The following shall be places of examination:—

Sydney, Baddeck, Margaree Forks, Port Hood, Arichat, Guysborough, Sherbrook, Antigonish, Pictou, Amherst, Truro, Halifax, Windsor, Kentville, Bridgetown, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg.

7. Persons desirous of being examined shall be at liberty to choose of the above-named places the one most easy of access.

8. Candidates are to furnish their own writing material.

9. All the written exercises of Candidates shall be forwarded by the Deputy Examiners as soon as possible to the EDUCATION OFFICE, to be submitted to the Board of Examiners for their judgment thereon.

10. Licenses will be forwarded by mail to the Post Office address of candidates.

The Council has been pleased to appoint the following persons to be Deputy Examiners, to conduct the examination at the several places specified in Reg. 6, viz.:

Sydney: the Inspector of Schools for Cape Breton County.	
Baddeck: " " Victoria "	
Margaree Forks: Rev. John Chisholm.	
Port Hood: the Inspector of Schools for Inverness "	
Arichat: " " Richmond "	
Guysborough: " " Guysborough "	
Sherbrook: Rev. John Campbell.	
Antigonish: the Inspector of Schools for Antigonish "	
Pictou: Rev. James Bayne, D.D.	
Amherst: the Inspector of Schools for Cumberland "	
Truro: " " Colchester "	
Halifax: " " Halifax "	
Windsor: " " Hants "	
Kentville: " " Kings "	
Bridgetown: " " Annapolis "	
Digby: " " Digby "	
Yarmouth: " " Yarmouth "	
Shelburne: " " Shelburne "	
Liverpool: " " Queens "	
Lunenburg: " " Lunenburg "	

Sept.

### II. Holidays and Vacations.

Notice is hereby given to Trustees of Schools and others, that CHAPTER XI. of the COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. "Of Time in Session, Holidays, and Vacations" has been revised as follows:

#### HOLIDAYS.

The following Regulations have been added to SECTION 3, of the Chapter above named.

a. When for any cause the Trustees of a school shall deem it desirable that any prescribed Teaching Day should be given as a Holiday, the school or schools may be kept in session on the Saturday of the week in which such Holiday has been given, and such Saturday shall be held to be in all respects a legal Teaching Day.

b. When, owing to illness, or for any other just cause, a teacher loses any number of prescribed teaching days, such teacher shall have the privilege of making up for such lost days, to the extent of six during any Term, by teaching on Saturdays; But

c. No school shall be kept in session more than five days per week for any two consecutive weeks;

d. Nor shall any Teacher teach more than FIVE DAYS PER WEEK on the average (vacations not being counted) during the period of his engagement in any term.

The Anniversary of the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY shall be a Holiday in all the Public Schools, as heretofore.

#### VACATIONS.

The following Regulations have been made in lieu of SECTION 4, of the Chapter above named:—

1. The CHRISTMAS VACATION shall remain as heretofore, the "eight days" being held to mean week-days other than Saturdays.

2. Instead of two vacations during the summer term (a week at seed time and a fortnight at harvest) as heretofore, THREE WEEKS (15 week-days other than Saturdays,) shall hereafter be given as vacation during the summer term, at such time or times as the Trustees shall decide: Nevertheless

3. In order that the due Inspection of Schools as required by law, may not be interfered with, each Inspector shall have power, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing Regulations, to give notice of the day or days on which he proposes to visit any school or schools in his county for the purposes of Inspection, and to require that on the day or days so named such school or schools shall be kept in session.

July, 1867.

### III. To Teachers not supplied with Registers.

As a much larger number of schools are in operation this term than was anticipated, the edition of Registers is insufficient to supply a copy for each teacher engaged. All teachers who have been unable to procure a Register are notified that till the close of the present term, Oct. 31st, a careful record of the daily attendance of pupils will be accepted as a compliance with the requirements of the school law with respect to registration. In every such case, before signing the certificate contained in the TRUSTEES' RETURN, the teacher is authorized to erase the words "the prescribed Register," and insert in their stead, "a record of the daily attendance of the pupils."

May, 1867.

### IV. Teachers' Agreements.

The attention of Teachers and Trustees is again called to the necessity of complying with the provision 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,