

Teachers of Centre Hastings,—

1. Uniform Promotion Examinations for the Senior Second and Senior Third classes will be held in each school on June 28th. and 29th. The Entrance Examination will be held on June 28th., 29th., and 30th. If you have not received a time-table you should write to the Department of Education for one.

2. Kindly fill in the enclosed form and return it to me. Also send the names of the entrance candidates arranged in alphabetical order.

3. Supplementary Reading should receive more attention in the lower classes. Every library should contain a supply of books suitable for the Sr. Primer, First, and Second classes in such numbers that each pupil in the class may be supplied with a copy for seat and class reading. A short time ago each teacher received from the Department of Education a list of supplementary reading books for the various classes. Will you please preserve carefully that list and choose from it books for your classes. I urge every teacher to try to secure good oral reading from the regular text-book and also from supplementary books.

4. Please remember that it is necessary to teach carefully and well the subjects of art, hygiene, and nature study.

5. I find that Centre Hastings is behind other inspectorates in the teaching of agriculture. The Department of Education gives a grant of \$15 for teaching agriculture. I shall be pleased if those teachers who are not now teaching this subject will plan to do so during the next school year.

6. The response of many teachers to my appeal of last fall to read books from our Institute library is very encouraging. I think that we can make our library serve a useful purpose in stimulating us to better effort and more devoted service.

7. Much can be done in the Third Class to prepare pupils for the formal study of grammar in the Fourth class. Do this by teaching very slowly and thoroughly the grammar topics incorporated in the composition course for the Third class in the "Ontario Public School Composition and Grammar". It will be necessary to use more examples both for teaching and application purposes than are given in the text-book. When pupils reach the Fourth class begin again at the beginning and teach every topic thoroughly, as outlined in "Circular No. 1", which I sent out last year.

8. Again I remind teachers that it is necessary to send one copy of the report of irregular attendance to me and one copy to the local truant officer at the end of each month.

9. I appreciate the splendid efforts of the teachers of Centre Hastings to improve conditions in the schools.

10. I am sending along with letter an article on the teaching of spelling, hoping that teachers may find in it helpful suggestions. Please place it and this letter on file with Circular No. 1 and my other circular letters. Then these circulars will be at hand for your successor or for your own future use.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. McGUIRE,
I. P. S.

Tweed, March 10, 1926