

WILL DISPENSE WITH NEED FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Requirements for High School Entrance to be Radically Changed This Year, States Minister of Education

A change in the High School entrance examination is being made to take effect this year. Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, has announced that High School Entrance Boards under the new plan will be left free to decide whether the candidates shall be accepted on the certificates of Public School Principals or shall write on the examinations as usual.

The boards will determine the conditions under which the Principal's certificates are to be accepted. The boards may, in addition, recommend to the Minister the admission of candidates, who, in their opinion, are fitted for High School work, even though, in certain respects, they have failed to attain the required standard at written examinations. Moreover, those who,

for adequate reasons, were unable to write on the examinations, may have their applications for admission to High Schools considered by the Public School Inspectors and High School Principals at any time.

The changes involve considerable alteration of the existing regulations which will be modified accordingly. The chief complaint has been that admission by Public School Principals was hampered by a requirement that the promotion examination papers and results had to be submitted to the Entrance Board, and the result, in the opinion of many, was merely an entrance examination of a different sort. In future, the Entrance Boards may dispense with a set form of examination and accept such recommendations from Principals as are deemed satisfactory.