

Halifax, August 30. 1850.

*To the Clerk of the Commissioners of Schools of*

SIR—

I now address to your care a case of Apparatus and a few Books, for the purpose of introducing the study of Agricultural Chemistry into one of the Schools of your District.

At the next Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, you will please inform them of its arrival ; and request them to decide on the most suitable School for its reception ; having in view the ability of the Teacher to give instruction in this department, and the widest possible diffusion of its benefits.

Should no competent Teacher be found, you will please request the Commissioners to inquire if any of the more intelligent Teachers of the District would attend Teachers' Institutes, which I propose to hold in the ensuing winter, in central places in the Eastern and Western parts of the Province, with the view of giving instruction in this as well as other departments of Teaching. The duration of these Institutes will be not less than one, nor more than two weeks ; the Teachers to pay their own board and travelling expenses. The first Institute will probably be held in Pictou, in the third week in December next.

As the School Act constitutes Agricultural Chemistry one of the branches which qualify Schools for the Grammar School allowance, and these Institutes may afford scope for much general improvement, I trust that several Teachers from your district may determine to attend one of them.

On making the inquiry, the Commissioners will oblige by informing me of its result.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN W. DAWSON,

Superintendent of Education.