

State Paves Way.

As a war measure, the state Board of Education at its meeting here voted that third grade certificates for teachers may be renewed by the Board without examination.

This action will enable many former teachers who have married or taken up some other profession to resume teaching in their local schools without the formality of an examination, thus releasing many young rural teachers for other service.

In the war emergency the Board is taking every precaution to see that the standard of the rural schools is not lowered, through a lack of trained teachers, according to a statement issued today by N. C. Macdonald, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In a further attempt to meet the extraordinary war condition, the Board repeats its recommendation of last year that the rural schools continue vacation until October, and make up the nine months of the school year by holding school through June. This will leave the country boys and girls on farms at the time when their help is most needed.

The Board authorizes county superintendents to grant eighth grade credits, without examination, to pupils of schools which closed before the state examinations were held in June. Next year, eighth grade and high school examinations will be held in May for those pupils attending rural schools closing before June 1.

Mr. Macdonald calls attention to the fact that in the last year more certificates have been issued than in any previous year, and that those securing certificates average two years more of training and one of experience than heretofore.