

CHARLOTTE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute met at St. Andrews on the 29th and 30th September, C. J. Callaghan, vice-president, in the chair. Seventy-seven members were enrolled, including Inspector Carter and Judge Cockburn, chairman of the St. Andrews school board.

Miss Ethel I. Duffy gave an excellent lesson on manual training, and papers on bird study were read by Stanley Wilson and Miss E. DeWolfe, and on English composition by Miss Mary A. Hawkins and Goldwin S. Lord. These gave rise to an interesting discussion; a special day for bird study was suggested. A carefully prepared paper on the outdoor study of geography was read by Miss Scullin of St. George, and Principal Trueman of St. Andrews spoke of the importance of this subject.

Principal Wm. M. Burns, of Milltown, gave a lesson on eclipses of the sun and moon, illustrated by blackboard diagrams. Miss Ella Veazey, of St. Stephen, read a very practical paper on Primary Spelling, followed by a paper on the text book by C. J. Callaghan of St. George, which was supplemented by an address from Principal P. G. McFarlane.

The following were elected officers: Geo. J. Trueman, president; James Stanley Wilson, vice-president; James Vroom, secretary-treasurer; Miss Mary Scullin, Mrs. John McGibbon, W. M. Burns, additional members of the executive.

A pleasant feature of the institute was the invitation extended to its members from Sir Wm. Van Horne to partake of his hospitality at his summer residence on Minister's Island. This was accepted and the visit greatly enjoyed.

The public meeting in the evening of the 29th was well attended. Judge Cockburn occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mayor Snodgrass, Inspector Carter, R. E. Armstrong, editor of the *Beacon*, Principal Geo. J. Trueman, Jas. Vroom and T. B. Kidner, director of manual training. The latter also favored the institute, at one of its sessions, with an interesting address on that subject and on domestic science for girls.

ST. JOHN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The St. John County Teachers' Institute met in the hall of the high school building, St. John, on the 22nd and 23rd of September, the president, J. Frank Owens, in the chair. The attendance was a little over 200, including teachers from Queens and Sunbury counties, who availed themselves of the privilege of meeting with the St. John Institute. Dr.

Scott, of the University of New Brunswick, gave an address on the pendulum, followed by Supt. Dr. Inch.

At the second session the Institute divided for the first hour to hear papers and discuss the teaching of composition in grades one to eight. The excellence of the papers on this topic by Misses M. A. Nannary, Payson, Smith and Thorne led to an instructive discussion. During the second hour Mr. F. Lindsay Dykeman read a carefully prepared paper on arithmetic, which was followed by a general discussion, the trend of which was that there should be more drill in the schools on this subject.

A paper on spelling by Principal W. M. McLean led to a very spirited discussion. It was pointed out that there has been a steady improvement in spelling throughout the schools during recent years. Principal Thos. Stothart gave a well-arranged and practical address on plant life, followed by Miss Jessie Lawson, of the St. John high school, with a cleverly written paper on the teaching of English, and Principal Town read a thoughtful paper on English literature.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: J. Simpson Lord, president; A. Lindsay Dykeman, vice-president; Miss Annie M. Hea, secretary; H. V. Hayes and Miss M. A. Nannary, additional members of the executive.

At a meeting of the St. John County Teachers' Association, it was decided to affiliate with the St. John City Association, of which Mr. W. J. S. Myles is president. A meeting of the Queens County teachers was also held, and an association will no doubt soon be formed in that county.

KINGS COUNTY, N. B., TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Kings County teachers met at Hampton on the 22nd and 23rd of September, Mr. W. C. Jonah presiding. About seventy teachers were present. Suggestive papers on the relation of science to literature by Miss Minnie Colpitts, and a glimpse at the teaching profession, by Miss Ethel McCrea, were discussed by Inspector Steeves, John March, A. C. M. Lawson, and others.

A very pleasant part of the programme was the nature-study excursion to Smithtown, a pretty village on the Hammond river, about five miles from Hampton. After spending nearly two hours in the field, the teachers adjourned, by special invitation, to the public hall, where a generous welcome and ample refreshments awaited them.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the agricultural hall, Hampton Village, presided over by Inspector Steeves. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Inch, Rev. C. D. Schofield, Mr. T. B. Kidner,