

10 a.m. Inspector Carter in a few words introduced President Harrington, of St. John, and President F. O. Sullivan, of Charlotte. He expressed regret at the absence of the Chief Superintendent, Dr. Inch. President Harrington then gave an address of welcome to the visiting teachers, which was responded to by President Sullivan. Each Institute then retired to its own room for the purposes of organization and enrolment. In the Charlotte County section addresses were delivered by President Sullivan and Inspector Carter. In the St. John County section addresses were given by President Harrington and G. U. Hay.

The united Institutes assembled at 11 a.m. in the assembly room and most excellent papers on "Moral Teaching" were read by Mr. John McKinnon and Misses Annie M. Hea and Louise D'Orsay. The discussion which followed was very animated, and was taken part in by Inspector Carter, G. U. Hay, G. R. Devitt, Supt. March and Rev. Mr. Marshall. All the speakers eulogized the papers very highly and vigorously combatted the statements that have been recently put forward by a few of the clergy that our schools are godless.

At the afternoon session Miss Elizabeth Beattay gave an admirable lesson in reading in Grade II. to a class of very bright pupils. Miss Kate Lawlor gave an excellent lesson on word building to a very interesting class of little boys. Both lessons were most effective and were most attentively heard. Mr. M. D. Brown then gave a lesson to a class of pupils in Grade VI.—geography. Mr. Brown showed himself master of his work, as chalk in hand he rapidly and accurately sketched the work, and when he was done it was very evident that the pupils had mastered it also. A discussion followed and many questions were asked and answered.

The teachers again met on Friday morning at 9, when they divided into sections. Each section—short papers and practical lessons in writing. Section A—Grades VI., VII. and VIII. by Misses Emma Colwell and Amy Iddles. Section B—Grades III., IV., and V. by Miss E. Enslow. Section C—Grades I. and II. by Miss Harriet D. Gregg. All the lessons were most favourably commented upon. The writing of Miss Enslow's boys, done in the presence of the teachers, was highly praised by all. The discussion which followed developed a strong sentiment in favour of vertical writing. It was participated in by Mr. John Montgomery, Miss Grace Murphy, Mr. W. H. Parlee and G. U. Hay. Many questions were asked and answered. Mr. John Brittain, of the Provincial Normal School, then gave a practical lesson in plant life to a class of boys in Grade

IV. The discussion which followed was taken part in by Geo. J. Trueman, G. U. Hay, Thos. Stothart, Mrs. Dieuaide, and Mr. Brittain. Mr. Brittain expressed the opinion that the pupils would be better employed in botanical drawing than at the conventional forms now assigned them. In the afternoon session Mr. John Brittain gave a practical lesson to a class of girls in Grade VI. The class was provided with apparatus, and the lesson was most practical and effective. The singing of the girls was much enjoyed by the teachers. In answer to a question by Mr. Hay, Mr. Brittain stated that the interest and progress in this study (Natural Science) was somewhat discouraging. Inspector Carter said that in view of the average ratepayer's opinion of the utility of such teaching and other difficulties the teachers in the rural districts had to contend against, great results could not be obtained in a short time.

Before the assembly divided for the election of officers, Messrs. P. G. McFarlane and F. O. Sullivan, on behalf of the teachers of Charlotte County, thanked the officers and teachers of St. John County for their excellent programme and courteous treatment. They cordially invited the St. John teachers to Charlotte County. President Harrington courteously responded, accepting the invitation extended. In the Charlotte County section all the old officers were re-elected, except in the case of Mr. J. B. Sutherland, who was ineligible on account of non-attendance. Mr. G. M. Johnston, of St. John, was elected in his place. In the St. John County section the officers elected were: President, John McKinnon; Vice-president, Miss Iva Yerxa; Secretary-Treasurer, M. D. Brown; members of Executive, Miss Maud Narraway and Miss Stella Payson. Votes of thanks were tendered President Harrington and members of the executive, those who had contributed papers, the school board and the press. After adjournment the St. John teachers entertained the visiting teachers. Refreshments were passed around and a most enjoyable conversation was held. Thus closed perhaps the most successful County Institute ever held in the province. The attendance in numbers surpassed that of many provincial institutes, being about 250, beside many visiting teachers. The interest and punctuality of the teachers was fully up to the attendance. These things, combined with prompt and business-like officers and carefully prepared and effective papers and lessons, produced an almost ideal institute.

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Two hundred teachers attended the Provincial Institute, held in Charlottetown, September 26th and 27th. All parts of the province were represented.