

leading to diplomas and degrees, for 1916-1917. The session lasts from September 27th to June 13th. The estimated expense for the Academic year is from \$585 to \$880.

The tenth annual announcement of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, has been received. This well known institution, which is a college of McGill University, is divided into three schools. (1) *The School of Agriculture*; (2) *The School for Teachers*, and (3) *The School of Household Science*. *The School of Agriculture* offers a four years course, the first two at McGill University, the final two at Macdonald College, leading to the degree of B. Sc. in Agriculture. There is also a two-year course leading to a diploma. *The School for Teachers* is a Normal School for the Province of Quebec and offers diplomas of four grades, viz., Elementary, Kindergarten, Model School, and Academy.

The School of Household Science offers (a) a one-year (homemaker) course, leading to a certificate; (b) a two-year (institution administration) course, leading to a diploma; (c) three short courses each of about three months duration, providing training in practical work in all branches connected with the home. (d) a short course in dress-making.

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RURAL SCIENCE 1916.

The Rural Science School, held in Truro every summer, opened this year with an enrolment of one hundred and ninety, the largest attendance in the history of the school. This number included, besides the regular first and second year students, some few who came for Physical Drill only, and several graduates.

Bird walks, botany tramps and insect hunts by day and by night, supplemented the excellent work done in the classroom. Also, in connection with the botany and bird study, an illustrated lecture was given on each, the former by Mr. L. A. DeWolfe, and the latter by Mr. E. C. Allen.

The school was fortunate in being able to attend an illustrated lecture on school gardening given by Mr. Kilpatrick, president of the School Garden Association of America. The slides, which were beautifully coloured, amply proved that if a teacher really desires a school garden, be the

school yard ever so desolate, there is no such word as "cannot."

The social side of the school was not neglected. The first Friday evening a welcome reception was held in the assembly hall of the Normal College. At this pleasant function the students learned to know each other and became acquainted with the instructors with whom they were to be associated during the next four weeks.

The senior and junior botany classes were entertained by the ever hospitable Mr. and Mrs. DeWolfe at their home on Bible Hill.

Two very enjoyable out of town excursions were taken, one to Folleigh Lake and the other to Shortt's Lake.

On Friday, August 4th, the students attended the meetings of the Entomological Society of Nova Scotia, of which Mr. E. C. Allen, the instructor of entomology, is president. The day being the anniversary of the declaration of war, the evening session was postponed until Saturday and was again postponed until Thursday. Instead, Professor Cumming gave the second of his bacteriological lectures and Dr. Creelman, principal of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, spoke for a short time on the Rural Problem.

Towards the end of the session the students held an exhibition of the work done during the summer. Besides the usual display of pressed plants, insects, cut flowers, minerals and wood-work there was a very creditable showing of canned vegetables done by the class in horticulture under the supervision of Mr. Shaw.

The school closed on Thursday evening, August 10th, with an illustrated entomological lecture by Mr. Allen. After the lecture, the certificates were given out, and the scholarships awarded.

So, amid good wishes and smiles and handshakes innumerable, ended the session.

HARRIET L. LINDSAY.

GOLDENROD.

Graceful tossing plume of gold,
Waving lowly on the rocky ledge;
Leaning seaward, lovely to behold,
Clinging to the high cliff's ragged edge;
Burning in the pure September day,
Spike of gold against the stainless blue,
Do you watch the vessels drifting by?
Does the quiet day seem long to you?
—Celia Thaxter, in "Seaside Goldenrod."