

DEATH OF SUPERINTENDENT HAYES.

The death of Mr. F. H. Hayes, late Superintendent of Schools for the City of St. John, took place on the 20th of May after a lingering illness. Mr. Hayes was a native of Kings County and taught school in several parts of the province previous to coming to St. John and assuming the principalship of the Winter street school. After filling this position for a short time he was chosen superintendent of the Portland schools on the resignation of Mr. W. S. Parlee. When the cities were united Mr. Hayes was appointed superintendent of schools for the united city. His earnestness and kindly nature made him a favorite with trustees, teachers and pupils, while the faithfulness with which he discharged his duty gave promise of increasing usefulness in the educational service of the city. His early removal from his chosen work, and his long and heroic struggle with illness, created a universal sympathy for him and his family. Resolutions expressing sympathy and the high esteem in which he was held by the trustees of St. John and the teachers were passed and forwarded to Mrs. Hayes.

THE MONTREAL CONVENTION.

In another column will be found an advertisement of the Grand Trunk Railway, which will be of special interest to the teachers of the Maritime Provinces. Of all occupations that of the teacher is the most wearing, and these little annual outings are as necessary to health and recuperation as they are to instruction. The Grand Trunk Railway management has prepared for the teachers and their families a series of tours which seem to combine all these elements in a marked degree. We are glad to note, also, a new departure in the planning of these annual trips, for abandoning the old *round trip excursion*, which compelled one to return over threshed-out territory. The circular tours which are presented give an ever changing variety of scene and interest, while the delightful combination of rail, lake, river and ocean travel meets all the requirements of a most charming trip. The writer, who has travelled over the different routes outlined in the advertisement of the Grand Trunk Railway, can recommend them all, and only finds embarrassment in indicating a choice. The rates are wonderfully cheap, and the teachers are to be congratulated in having such an opportunity of seeing so much for so little.

We have conversed with the organizers of these delightful excursions and find that they intend to make this *the* excursion of the season, and in order to enable them to make due preparation—at least

twenty-five being required for the Lake Champlain trip and fifty for the Niagara Falls tour—it is earnestly requested that teachers communicate at once with the agents named in the advertisement. To the agents of a company who have shown such consideration for our guild in planning these tours at such low rates, we can confidently recommend the comfort of the ladies and gentlemen who avail themselves of their hospitality, and to one and all *bon voyage*.

It is not necessary to decide upon the whole trip at the time of leaving home. After arriving in Montreal, and during attendance at the Convention, teachers may decide what side trips they will make after consulting with their friends. They can there change their route or purchase tickets for side trips at the same reduced rate as if they purchased before leaving home.

If we add one word more it would be this: Be sure to go and enjoy this delightful trip that takes in the finest scenery of eastern Canada. No money is more wisely invested than that which is spent in travelling. It benefits the whole man—physically, intellectually and morally.

SUPERANNUATION.

Three years ago a committee was appointed by the N. B. Provincial Teacher's Institute to report a scheme of superannuation for teachers. Two years ago at the Moncton meeting the report was called for, but was not given, as nothing definite had been arrived at. The committee was continued and probably a report will be made in June at the coming meeting of the Institute in St. John.

Teaching must become a profession more than in name before any tangible scheme for superannuation can be introduced which will give satisfactory results. As it is now the short time during which the great body of the teachers remain at the work is almost an insuperable obstacle in the way of superannuation. In America very little has been accomplished in this direction, and what has been done has been of purely local origin and of so recent a date that scarcely any conclusion can be arrived at as to its feasibility. In Europe the movement has been more widespread, and instead of teachers taking the initiative, as in America, governments have taken the matter in hand; this is notably the case in Germany. Teachers may do a great deal, but for beneficial and permanent results the state must contribute a portion and regulate superannuation funds.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has been re-nominated by the Republican party for president of the United States.