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- (2) **SUBSTITUTE DAY**—By Regulation 20, Section 2, the present term closes on Friday, December 23rd. In order to enable Teachers, who would otherwise be unable to do so, to reach their homes before Christmas, permission is hereby granted to those who may so desire, to close the school for the term on Thursday, December 22nd, and to teach as a substitute for that day, any preceding Saturday.
- (3) **SPECIAL MANUAL TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHERS**—Under the provisions of Regulation 48, Section 2, the second Special Course for Licensed Teachers will begin at the Normal School on Monday January 9th, 1905. Inquiry in regard to Manual Training Courses may be addressed to Mr. T. B. Kidner, Director of Manual Training, Fredericton.
- (4) **COURSES IN NATURE STUDY AND SCHOOL GARDENING FOR TEACHERS**—Eight New Brunswick Teachers are eligible for scholarships at the Macdonald Institute, Guelph, Ont., for a Three Months' Course, beginning in January, 1905. This Course will aim especially to prepare teachers to take up Nature Study in connection with School Gardens with their pupils, and to deal with the simpler aspects of general Nature Study. Each candidate appointed will receive from the Macdonald Fund five cents per mile towards traveling expenses, and \$25.00 at the completion of the course. In addition each male candidate will receive from the New Brunswick Government the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars and each female candidate the sum of Fifty Dollars, one half payable at time of enrolment at the Institute, and one-half on completion of the Course. Teachers desiring to take this course will please communicate with Prof. John Brittain, Woodstock, or with the Chief Superintendent of Education

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Education Office, Fredericton, Nov. 2nd, 1904.