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The last annual report of the Superintendent of Education indicates "a sustained advance in all the main features of Educational development throughout the province." This is very gratifying, especially as the population of the Province has made little progress during the last decade.
The advancement of the schools is indicated by the following figures: The enrolment of scholars was 1082 over that of the previous year, and makes an increase for the last five years of 4849. The grand total of scholars, including those in technical schools is 109,636, and is about 22 per cent. of the entire population. There was an increase in days attended during the year of 175,309. There was 32 more schools in session during the year, showing a considerable decrease in the number of vacant schools. The number of candidates taking the high school examinations advanced from 5,280 to 5,648. Female teachers increased by 37, while male teachers decreased by 6. A larger proportion of the teachers had received the Normal School training. The Provincial aid to the schools increased by 4,244 dollars, and the increase from the municipalities by \$116 dollars.

August the Thirtieth
According to Official Notice the first quarter of the Public Schools begins on Monday, August 30.

For two months teachers, and scholars, young and old, have had time to recuperate, where recuperation was needed, to lay aside books, to wake in the morning without tinkling of the school bell, and to enjoy in many ways the long hours of the summer day. Some of the young people, we hope a very few, will be sorry when Monday morning arrives. They will feel a big lump in their throats and very probably tell mother they are not feeling well, with a view to getting permission for another day's play. But, most of them, we believe, have attained to some perception of the fact, that in this day, more than in any day of the past years, a well-trained mind is a necessity to the boy or the girl who aspires after a place of influence and success. A distinguished man who had mixed much with men and had a wide experience, said he had found that as a rule, those who are first in the competition of schools are first in the competition of life. Every young person ought to cherish the ambition to make the most and the best of the abilities with which he or she is endowed. Parents can do a great deal to aid teachers in their endeavors to promote habits of diligence and thoroughness and obedience to rule, and thereby to make the work of the teachers a success.

The College

The work of the public schools is foundation work. After them come the colleges, and universities, in which there is more or less specialization. The wonderful progress of science in its various departments makes specialization an absolute necessity. The governments of all the nations, even those which have been spoken of as the backward nations, recognize this, and are endeavoring to meet the demand. And men who have accumulated money are realizing more and more the obligation to use it for the general good and are devoting hundreds of millions to different branches of education. As a consequence there is no healthy young man or woman who may not specialize in any branch of science or art to which he or she has special ability. The college bills seem sometimes too heavy. But, there is probably not a college of repute which does not expend more money in teachers and apparatus upon the student than the student gives to the college. This is certainly the case with the higher institutions of learning in Canada and the United States. Nova Scotia has good reasons to be proud of her public schools. No province in Canada has contributed in proportion to population, so many distinguished men to the highest positions in Church and State as this little Province by the Sea, and "there is always room in the upper storey" for the young men and women who are morally and educationally fitted for such advancement.

The Imperial Challenge Shield
The National Rifle Association of Great Britain, a few years since, offered for annual competition among the

youth of the Empire, an Imperial Challenge Shield, the gift of Lieut.-Col. R. W. Shumacher. This shield is a massive piece of silver, fixed on a solid polished oak mount five feet high and four feet broad. It becomes the possession of the winning team for a year, and is accompanied by a bronze replica, eleven large silver medals and \$75 in prizes. The replica with medals is retained in perpetuity by the winners, while the shield goes to the winning team of the following year. In 1914 it was won by the St. Anne College Cadet Corps, Yarmouth Co. Five hundred and sixteen teams competed for it. The St. Anne team made an average of 93.6. The nearest mark to this was 89.8 made by a team in London, England.

The advocates of cadet instruction in the schools claim that the training thus given "is an invaluable physical, mental and moral education for the work of life during peace," besides fitting the youth for the defense of the country, in case there should be a call to arms. Nova Scotia was the first of the Provinces to introduce the system. But, Lord Strathcona's grant of a quarter of a million of dollars for prizes to the teachers in the Common Schools for the physical training of their scholars and to Cadet Corps for excellence in drill and shooting has led to the introduction of the system into other Provinces. Some cadets who received their training in this way are now wearing the Khaki.

The Bridgetown Schools

The teachers for the year beginning on the 30th inst., are as follows:— Mr. R. E. Thurber, Principal. Miss Olga Trenholm, Miss Laura H. Graves, Miss Mary M. Palfrey, Miss Constance Lloyd, Miss Mary M. Connell. The Department of Manual Training will be in charge of Mr. K. D. Blackie who will divide his time between the Annapolis, Middleton and Bridgetown Schools. The School Commissioners have made a readjustment of the work with a view to enable the Principal to devote more time to the higher grades. They have found it necessary to increase the charge to outside pupils, which, however, is still less than usually made in similar schools.

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities is called to convene in New Glasgow today, the 25th instant. The delegates will be the guests of the Municipality of Pictou, and of the towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Westville and Trenton. The meetings will be held in the Church Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Among the subjects to be considered are the following:— Labor Problems and the Municipality. The Education of the Blind and Municipal Responsibility. Child Welfare, Municipal Responsibility and Opportunity. The Nova Scotia "Town Planning Act, 1915." The Municipality and the Conservation of the Forests. The Finger Print System of Identification. Munitions of War. Road Making.

FATAL CARRIAGE ACCIDENT

An accident occurred on Thursday, August 19th near Hampton which has again cast a gloom over the community. As Capt. Eber Brinton, St. Croix Cove, was returning from Bridgetown with his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Charlton, of Port Lorne, his horse took fright in front of Jerry Hawkins', Hampton. Immediately the carriage was overturned and both were thrown out. Mrs. Charlton was taken to her daughter's, Mrs. Eber Brinton, that night. Dr. Morse was summoned the following morning, but nothing could be done for the elderly lady. She passed away early on Saturday morning. The body was taken to Mrs. Charlton's home on Sunday where interment took place in the afternoon. The deceased was a life long member of the Baptist Church at Port Lorne and a life member of the Ladies Aid Society. Her kind and motherly nature will be sadly missed in her home village. To mourn their loss, there remain a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Eber Brinton of St. Croix Cove; and four sons, Melbourne, Arthur, Frank and Alfred.

Capt. Brinton was badly hurt, but it is hoped that he will be able to be around again in a few days. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.)

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:—After reading "Citizen's" letter in your last issue of the Monitor I feel a word in common justice to our policeman would not be amiss. It would indeed keep him busy cleaning after the cows when the fault lies with the citizens themselves who turn their cows out in the morning earlier than the boy who drives them. They not only roam over the streets, as stated but wander on our lawns and into our yards and gardens. (I speak from experience, having been waked by cow bells under my window. But whose fault is it? Surely not our poor much overworked policeman! It is the fault of the people who set them at large. If "Citizen" has any complaints to make, it would be more to his credit if he turned his attention to a public nuisance of more importance, such as the speeding of automobiles which every day endangers the lives of little children. There is a law to limit the speeding but it is never enforced here, and the citizens of the town with the exception of one or two pay no attention to it. The wonder is there has not been a serious accident and I suppose until some life pays the price this greatest of all the public nuisances will continue. I think the malicious attack on our policeman very uncalled for. The wonder is that we can get a policeman at all who will undertake to fill such a complicated job—who for the paltry sum of \$600 per annum, is expected not only to keep the peace in our streets until all hours of the night, but to perform also the multifarious duties as janitor of the school, dusting and cleaning and keeping the fires going in the winter, collector of taxes, server of notices of taxes, serving writs from the Municipal Court and summons from the Police Court, and under the Collection Act. Also attending the sessions of the municipal and police courts, superintendent of street cleaning, and water supply, attending hydrants in winter to see they are not frozen—and others too numerous to mention. Let each of us turn our attention to ourselves, Mr. Citizen, and make sure that we are not breaking the law but rather co-operating with the policeman in keeping it, as we should help one another. Less of jealousy and a more brotherly feeling would be good for us all. ALSO A CITIZEN.

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:—I notice that in the last issue of your valuable paper, a communication over the signature of "Citizen," which in my opinion reflects upon our town and its authorities, in such a way that it should be replied to. The article to say the least, in its nature is libelous, and you will permit me Mr. Editor to say that such articles should not appear in your columns unless they appear over the signature of the writer, much less should such articles be allowed to appear over the signature of "Citizen." You are to a certain extent the guardian of the interest of the town and responsible for the opinions expressed through your columns unless the name of your correspondent is given. The name of the Citizen to a communication does not, in my opinion, relieve you from any responsibility. This article would intimate that our town is a sort of cow pasture and that cattle were allowed to roam at large on the streets. This Mr. Editor, as you very well know, is not the fact. We certainly have one of the best and prettiest towns in this country and our streets far from being in the condition intimated by this communication, are well and cleanly kept and are a credit to any town of its size. This is no place to dwell upon the merits of our town, but they are of such a nature that they are well worthy of columns of your valuable space. Our town council has passed very rigid by-laws for the protection of our streets against the encroachment of cattle in the way that Citizen refers to, and it is the duty of every good citizen to see that they are enforced. It is not the duty of the policeman as Citizen intimates, to be driving cattle beyond the limits of the town. It is the duty of every good citizen when he notices these irregularities to go at once to the Stipendiary Magistrate and make an information. Your correspondent seems not only ignorant of his duty as a good citizen, but wishes to shirk his responsibilities and blame some one else. It has been so ever since the days of good old Adam and Eve. Whether our policeman is doing his duty or not depends among other things upon the contract he made with the Police Committee. It is unfair therefore to charge him with neglect of his duties and not to give him an opportunity of defending himself. Such attacks are intended to injure him in the estimation of the public and are therefore libelous and should be discouraged. I make no apology for taking up so much of your valuable space for this reply. O. S. MILLER.

To the Editor of the Monitor,

Dear Sir:—I noticed with considerable annoyance the statement made in the Monitor's issue of August 4th, by one of our Town Council that "Miss Angle James did not feel able to bear the expense of laying a concrete sidewalk and asked the Council for assistance." In relation to the laying down of a concrete sidewalk in front of the property—as to my statement that I did not feel in a position to have that work done at my expense is perfectly correct, but that I had applied to the Council for aid in the matter is absolutely incorrect, as you yourself know, and such notification in the paper, I feel, was quite uncalled for. Yours truly, ANGIE JAMES.

Methodist Church Circuit Notes

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Epworth League on Friday evening at 7:30. Services next Sunday, August 29, Bridgetown, Sunday School and Bible Study at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dalhousie at 11 a. m.; Granville 3 p. m.; Bentville at 7:30 p. m.

St. James Parish Church Notes

The services next Sunday (13th Sunday after Trinity) will be:— Bridgetown, 8 a. m. (Holy Communion), 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. St. Mary's, Belleisle, 3 p. m. St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Young's Cove, 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

WEEK DAYS

Thursdays, Belleisle 7:45 p. m. Fridays, Bridgetown, service of Intercession on behalf of the war 4:30 p. m. Evening prayer followed by choir practice 7:30.

Bridgetown United Baptist Church

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. The B. Y. P. U. will hold a lawn party on the lawn of Miss Nettie Healey on Friday evening, commencing at 5:30. Should the weather prove unfavorable the social will be held in the vestry of the church. The young people of the church and congregation are cordially invited. Sunday services: Bible School at 10 a. m. Public Worship at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. CENTRELEA Prayer meeting on Tuesday at 8 p. m. Preaching service on Sunday at 3 p. m.

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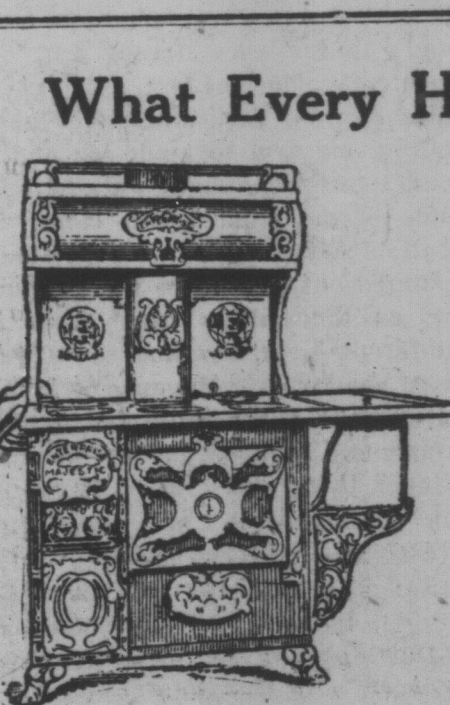
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