

neighboring towns, and the reputation for hospitality enjoyed by its citizens should attract a large gathering. A copy of the calendar, giving particulars of the educational advantages of the school, with information about board and travelling expenses, can be obtained by addressing the secretary, Mr. J. D. Seaman, Charlotetown, P. E. I.

Teachers' Obligations.

We notice in a recent number of the *Orillia (Ont.) Packet*, a somewhat lively discussion that took place at a meeting of the school board of that city over the violation of a teacher's engagement. The teacher, in question, had been appointed to a position, but unceremoniously deserted her post at the end of a week without giving notice, and put in a claim for salary for that time. The board appears to have discussed the matter in an impartial spirit, making due allowance for "home sickness" and other extenuating circumstances on behalf of the young lady, but took strong ground against the "impression among teachers that while they could hold a board to its agreements they were free to go or stay as they chose."

Our attention has been recently called to a laxity of obligation on the part of some teachers who are much nearer than the province of Ontario. One of these cases as reported to the *REVIEW*, is as follows: A teacher engages with a board of trustees to take a school, and arranges to meet the secretary at a certain place on a certain day. He fails to appear, and the trustees and school are kept waiting for two or three weeks, without hearing from the teacher, only to find that he has accepted a position elsewhere. The other cases referred to, are fortunately not so aggravated as this, but they call for measures from the proper quarters to suppress promptly an evil that should not be allowed to exist for a single day. If young teachers are ignorant of the nature of an obligation they should be made aware of it. If there are others, and we trust they are very few, who would wilfully violate an obligation for their own immediate advantage they should be made to feel that such conduct is altogether too serious to be passed over lightly.

There is plenty of food for thought and entertainment in the *March Canadian Magazine*. The famous Indian Juggernaut is described, and some of the popular fallacies concerning this festival are explained away. The making of Pemmican, or Sun-dried Meat, is described and illustrated. Professor John Cox, of McGill, writes on Commercial Education from a new point of view, while three writers give their views and much information concerning the movement for Territorial Autonomy. There are the usual bright stories and carefully-edited departments.

Two Interesting Books.

THE WINSLOW PAPERS—1776-1826. Edited by W. O. Raymond, M. A. Printed under the auspices of the New Brunswick Historical Society by the Sun Printing Company, St. John.

This is a volume of over 700 pages, containing about 650 letters and documents, and covering a period of nearly fifty years. The "Winslow Papers," from the late Judge Edward Winslow who was the largest contributor to the series, shed much light upon the attitude of the Loyalists in the American Revolution, the circumstances of their settlement in these provinces, and the early history of New Brunswick. The prodigious task of the Rev. Mr. Raymond, who selected from the great mass of the original collection the material which forms this important volume, and his sagacity and judgment in editing the series, are worthy of all praise. By his diligence and careful work—a labor of love—the historical annals of Canada have been enriched by an important volume, a treasure to the student as well as a memorial to Loyalist forefathers.

IN THE ACADIAN LAND: NATURE STUDIES. By R. R. McLeod. Published by the author. Cloth. Pages 166. Illustrated.

Here we have the thoughts of everyday life and the charm of home surroundings—the farm, the field, meadow and forest—put into a delightful little volume of prose. The author is well known to Acadians. In his busy life, as the earnest man of affairs or the reverent student and lover of nature, he has always found leisure to pen words of counsel and encouragement to his fellow workers; and to help by word and deed to advance the interests of this country. May his tribe increase!

Mr. McLeod dedicates the volume to his wife; and the instincts of the lover of home are everywhere apparent in his work. The scene of his reflections and descriptions is not any Mecca of tourists, but a quiet bit of country on the Molega Road, in Queen's County, Nova Scotia. "A very commonplace stretch of road," he says, "but in passing over it several thousand times, in all seasons and in all weathers, it became more charming,—more to be seen and learned, and admired." If it is the description of a bit of woods, we feel that a lover of trees is speaking to us; if a gold mine or ledge, the wonders of earth building and the skill of the Great Architect are unfolded before us; if the innocent inhabitants of brook or meadow or forest, we, too, feel the desire to study them and make them the companions of our walks. Everywhere there is some object for reflection and study. Even the "Lunch at the Brookside" is untasted, so wonderful are the mysteries of the teeming life around him.