

The economic view-point is always kept in mind. Dollars and cents are agreeably combined with real education.

Productive Agriculture is instructional, as all books must be; but its problems are good. Instead of vague references and general statements, government reports are quoted. The book is not a theoretical treatise, but a practical guide. It is a good book for the farmer and for the farm boy. For all-round, mixed farming, it is a good reference book—which, after all, any text book should be.

The chapters on farm animals, fertilizers and plant foods are specially good. Facts are given, but reasons are given too; therefore it is educational. The chapter on vegetable gardening would be of interest even to the city child. The chapters on choosing and planning a farm and on farm book-keeping touch upon a topic too often passed over. The whole book is worthy of thoughtful study.

The third book "One Hundred Exercises in Agriculture," is a laboratory manual. The laboratory, however, is the farm as well as the school room. The questions cannot be answered from a book. The student must interview practical farmers, do work himself, and observe real farm activities. Thus only can he ever really know. "Knowledge is of things we see."

Each exercise systematically follows object, material, method, observations or conclusions and questions. When the exercise is done, the student has not only acquired useful facts, but has learned how to proceed with similar problems. Such exercises as seed-testing and plant propagation are very practical indeed. This book will keep any boy busy and happy, and develop in him the ability to do things.

—L. A. DeWolfe.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. S. W. Irons, for many years Principal of Victoria Schol, Moncton, recently passed away at his home in Moncton, after a long and tedious illness. A number of years ago Mr. Irons obtained leave of absence in order to seek his health in a more favorable climate, and after undergoing treatment in a sanitarium he returned to Moncton much improved in health, but soon the ravages of disease again showed itself, and finally he succumbed to the malady that had seized him. Mr. Irons was a most successful teacher, and his passing is much regretted by the teaching profession as well as by the large number of students whom he had the privilege to instruct.

Mr. L. A. Moore, who has been Principal of the Superior School, Elgin, N. B., has been appointed Inspector of Schools, to fill the place occupied by the late

Inspector Meagher. Mr. Moore will probably make Woodstock his headquarters, since his inspectorate includes Carleton County, the greater portion of Victoria, and the upper portion of York County.

The Executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association held a meeting in St. John during the Christmas vacation. A very large number of teachers eligible for membership in the Association are already members of the organization, and it is expected that before long practically all the teachers holding a license above second class will be enrolled.

A meeting of the Committee on Text Books for the Public Schools of New Brunswick was held in St. John during the Christmas holidays. The members of this Committee are: Dr. W. S. Carter, Dr. H. S. Bridges, J. Frank Owens, W. J. S. Myles, Joseph Harrington, Miss Emma Colwell, Dr. B. C. Foster, Dr. C. C. Jones, Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, H. H. Hagerman, Miss Ella Thorne, Inspector Hebert and Geo. J. Oulton.

The Executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Institute met in St. John on Dec. 30th to arrange the program, etc., for the next meeting of the Institute. The members of the Executive are the Chief Supt. of Education, Dr. B. C. Foster, Dr. H. S. Bridges, W. J. S. Myles, Miss Bessie Wilson, Miss Ethel Murphy, Miss Anna Poirier and Miss Rita Jaillet.

Mr. E. J. Lay, Supervisor of the Amherst, N. S., Schools, passed away very suddenly on Oct. 29th. Mr. Lay was formerly Principal of the Amherst Schools, and later Inspector of Schools for Cumberland County. On resigning his position as Inspector of Schools he was appointed Supervisor of the Amherst Schools, a position which he filled to the satisfaction of both teachers and the School Board of the town. Mr. Lay was a man eminently fitted for his work, and his passing is regretted by a very large constituency of friends.

The York and Sunbury Teachers' Institute was held in the High School Building, Fredericton, December 18th and 19th. The program was an excellent one and proved very helpful to the teachers. Over one hundred and fifty teachers were enrolled. The Executive of the Institute for the ensuing year is Alonzo Stiles, President; J. W. Smith, Vice-President; John E. Page, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Zula Hallett and Miss Louise Scott.

Miss Ella L. Thorne, who for many years has been the efficient Secretary-Treasurer, was made an honorary member of the Executive, and received due appreciation from the Institute in the way of an address and purse. Inspector Hanson made the presentation.