

ACADEMIC TEACHERS.

This class of teachers is now in the highest professional position in Nova Scotia partly on account of the liberal provision for their retirement after service and their commanding position in the community. Three of these have returned from the West to their native Province.

BELGIAN RELIEF COLLECTIONS FROM NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOLS.

Belgian Children's Relief (Thru Education Office, N. S.)	\$1,220.06
Frontier Orphans' Fund (Thru American Center) ...	1,851.62
Fonds de Secours Belges (Royal Bank thru Quebec Center)	2,211.20
Total	\$5,282.88

This total is very creditable to the schools. But why should teachers collect funds to be sent in from another province or country, when they were authorized and aided to have these collections sent in directly from the schools of Nova Scotia, for which our schools would receive credit at Headquarters, and be placed on permanent record in the **Journal of Education**? Trustees and pupils are entitled to an explanation from teachers whose duty it is to read carefully the instructions in the **Journal**.

Progressive Public Opinion.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN RURAL SCHOOLS.

To wake up Educational and Medical authorities in other parts of the Province, some extracts are here published from a letter received from Dr. Ross L. Blackadar of Port Maitland, Health Officer for the Municipality of Yarmouth County. He is having something done, and is beginning to see satisfactory results. It is desirable to have more experiments of this kind to demonstrate if not also to discover what method works best. In the Normal College instruction is given in these subjects, and Dr. Blackadar's work will be a great stimulus to such teachers especially wherever they may be situated in the Province.

Re "Sight-testing."

I am sending you under separate cover the sight-testing Chart which I personally put in our municipal rural schools and explained to the teachers, and gave a short address on 3 or 4 points in connexion with prevention of our ordinary epidemics of colds, etc.