

Inspector Lay has given a course of popular scientific lectures in Amherst during the last winter. The local press had invariably words of high praise for his work.

Professor Macoun, Botanist of the Geological Survey of Canada, intends spending the summer in Prince Edward Island. He will arrive probably about the middle of June.

Simon Newcomb, LL. D., Professor of Astronomy in the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and the author of several astronomical works, was in St. John recently. Dr. Newcomb is a native of Kings County, N. S., and expects to spend a portion of his vacation this summer in his native province, and seek a much needed rest.

G. R. Parkin, M. A., of Fredericton, will leave New York on the 16th of June for England, with a view of preparing material for the biography of the late Mr. Thring, of Uppingham School. Mr. Parkin's intimate knowledge of the life of this great educational writer and thinker renders him specially fitted to undertake the task.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. A. P. Silver, the well known entomologist of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science, addressed the students of the Halifax Academy, on Friday, May 26th, on the collecting and preserving of insects. Several prizes have been offered for the best collections.

Prizes have also been offered for the best collection of the Nova Scotian Orchidaceæ. Our orchidaceous native flowers are among the most beautiful and interesting of our flora.

At Convocation of the University of Mt. Allison, on the 30th May, the following degrees were conferred: Graduates in course B. A., Reginald Percival Alexander, Stanhope, P. E. I.; Aldran Allen, Albert, N. B.; Thomas David Blaikie, Great Village, N. S.; Edie Annie Elizabeth Burwash, Sackville, N. B.; Clarence Edward Casey, Amherst, N. S.; George Frederic Dawson, Campbellton, N. B.; Albert Charles Dennis, Margate, P. E. I.; Peter Coffin Laverton Harris, Halifax, N. S.; William Jost Howard, Cornwall, P. E. I.; Fred. Harris Pickles, Halifax, N. S.; Sarah Letitia Shenton, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Aubrey Cecil Smith, Sackville, N. B. M. A.—Rev. David William Johnston, B. A., Horton, N. S.; Rufus Palmer Steeves, Woodstock, N. B.; Albert Bliss Tait, Sackville, N. B. Honoris Causa, L. L. D.—Professor A. R. Bain, M. A., Coburg, Ont.; D.

C. L., Hon. Justice Burbidge, M. A., Ottawa; D. Sc., Rev. John Burwash, M. A., Sackville.

The anniversary exercises of Acadia College took place this year on the 7th June. The graduating class was comprised as follows: James W. Armstrong, Kingston; Oliver H. Cogswell, Morristown; Carmel L. Davidson, Gasperaux; Horace L. Day, Yarmouth; Chas. W. Eaton, Lower Canard; Herbert O. Harris, Canning; Lewis J. Lovett, Kentville; Morley D. Hammeon, Wolfville; Walter B. Wallace, West Gore; Lewis D. Morse, Nictaux; Alfred E. Shaw, Avonport; Harry S. Shaw, Berwick; Harry H. Wickwire, Canning; J. R. Hutchinson, Wolfville.

For the first time in the history of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, the faculty will confer degrees at the 23rd annual commencement, which will be held on the evening of the 21st of June instant. The college is now a chartered one, and the exercises on the coming commencement day will constitute its first really Academic Commencement. The Alumni orations will be delivered by Geo. V. McInerny, LL. B., and Hon. P. P. Porier.

The closing exercises of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, came off on the 25th ult. An unusually large number of visitors was present. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Anderson, the Principal, Lieutenant-Governor McDonald, Hon. L. H. Davies, Hon. David Laird, and others. Reference was made by some of the speakers to the growing interest taken in the college both in town and country, and to the necessity of a new college building.

The New Brunswick Normal School closed on Friday, the 8th inst. Of 136 students classified for examination, 26 were male and 110 female. Two were examined for grammar school license, 24 for first-class, 83 for second, and 27 for third.

In 1887 Canada had 12,292 miles of railway in operation, carrying 10,685,508 passengers during the year, 16,367,987 tons of freight, equal to 3.35 tons per inhabitant.

The world consumes annually about 650,000 tons of coffee. At an average price of \$400 a ton this is worth \$260,000,000. The best is from Jamaica, 5,000 tons. Then Hindostan and Ceylon, 25,000 tons. Next Java, about 90,000 tons, and Brazil with about 380,000 tons.