

The Restigouche County teachers' institute will meet in Campbellton on the 12th and 13th of October.

The Albert County, N. B., teachers' institute will meet in the consolidated school building, Riverside, on the 5th and 6th of October, and the Westmorland and Northumberland Counties' institutes will meet on the same dates.

Fortunately it is seldom that we have to record such a vicious and apparently unprovoked assault as that made recently on the respected principal of the Sackville high school, Mr. A. D. Jonah. A boy was disobedient and Mr. Jonah punished him by pulling his ear, but not so as to cause any serious injury. The father assaulted the teacher on the public street, striking him violently in the face several times, for which he was fined \$20 or two months in jail. This is considered a light punishment for a serious and brutal offence.

Arrangements are being completed for the consolidation of Hampton Village and Hampton with a few of the outlying districts in one central school.

A party of eight teachers from Nova Scotia left Truro last Thursday for Guelph, Ont., to take the full course in nature study at the Ontario College of Agriculture. The party consisted mainly of young ladies.

Dalhousie University opened on the 13th September with a large number of students in excess of last year's registration. The following are winners of bursaries: Miss Thompson, of the Halifax county academy, first scholarship, for first-class distinction, junior matriculation; J. Congdon Crowe, Truro (Colchester county academy), second scholarship, for second-class distinction.

Professor Harold Geoghegan, of Trinity College, Dublin, has been appointed to the chair of English literature and modern languages at the University of New Brunswick. He has a fine record as a scholar and experienced teacher, and comes to his new position with very high testimonials. Lectures begin at the University on the 2nd of October, and the formal opening took place September 28th.

Miss Katharine Wisdom, of St. John, a distinguished graduate of McGill University, and recently a teacher in the Ottawa Ladies' College, has been appointed to a position on the teaching staff of Trafalgar Institute, Montreal.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Xavier College was celebrated at Antigonish, N. S., during the first week of September. Delegates from sister colleges throughout Eastern Canada, and many former graduates and distinguished visitors, graced the occasion. There was a feeling of just pride in what the college has accomplished in its fifty years of endeavour, and hope for a still higher attainment in the future. A notable figure in the celebration was the venerable Bishop Cameron, now nearing four score years. He has been with the college from its beginning, and is now chairman of the board of governors. Among the honorary degrees conferred were the following: LL. D. on A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia; Rev. Dr. Forrest, president of Dalhousie College; Mr. David Sloan, principal of N. S. Normal School; Mr. Samuel N. Robertson, principal of Prince of Wales College Charlottetown; Dr. E. M. Kierstead, late of Acadia College; Dr. Falconer, principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax.

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