

education for the future men and women of Nova Scotia, inculcating more of the true spirit of patriotism, more teaching of science and the practical arts, more of that teaching that will lead them to take a rational enjoyment of life.

The last session of the Institute (on Friday morning) was devoted to a paper on a Defence for the Study of History, by Mr. W. M. Hepburn, of Amherst. The paper was an excellent one, and the discussion carried on with spirit by Dr. MacKay, Dr. Magee, Principal Johnston, Principal McNealy, Miss Graham.

Inspector Craig, after the usual votes of thanks were passed, adjourned the Institute.

CARLETON COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Carleton County is called the Garden of the Province. The justice of the title is admitted by the inhabitants and not disputed by dwellers in other counties. Ahead from an agricultural point of view, it is not behind educationally. Vigorous discussions are now the features of the Institute. The number of male teachers has about doubled.

The twenty-third annual session of the Institute met at Woodstock, December 20th and 21st. The attendance was fully up to the mark. Chief Superintendent Inch was prevented from being present, but Principal Mullin of the Normal School made a good substitute. His address and that of Prof. McCready, of the Sloyd School, Fredericton, were well received. Mr. F. A. Good was appointed to the chair during the absence of the President, D. W. Hamilton, from the morning session. For a like cause Mr. N. Foster Thorne was chosen secretary.

Mr. Good in his opening remarks referred to the benefits arising from the Institute and the difficulties in preparing a programme. The President having arrived in time for the afternoon session delivered a spirited address.

Principal Mullin addressed the Institute in his usual forcible style. It was Mr. Mullin's first visit to this Institute and he complimented the county on the number and quality of the students sent to the Normal school from that section. He also gave as proof of Carleton's prominence educationally the fact that this county taxed itself for schools before the day of free schools. He then graphically described his trip to the common and normal schools of the Eastern United States, during the year, and showed that while we had much to be proud of, there was still much to be desired.

Prof. McCready followed, presenting the claims of Sloyd methods of training, insisting that the idea was not to make carpenters but to cause pupils to think,

and thus to educate in the truest sense. Prof. McCready is enthusiastic and communicates some of it by arguments, but, above all, by the model which he exhibits and uses so effectively. He spoke during the evening session, which was well attended. His Worship Mayor Murphy spoke at this meeting, welcoming the teachers to Woodstock. Principal Mullin and Rev. Jas. Crisp also addressed the meeting.

On Friday morning, Mr. F. A. Good called the attention of teachers to the help obtainable from the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW and the Canadian History Leaflets now bound in a handsome volume and published from the REVIEW office. Inspector Meagher spoke on the success and failure of the newer text-books.

A very well prepared paper on Thoughts on School-work was read by Mr. N. F. Thorne. It provoked a hearty discussion, carried on by Inspector Meagher, Messrs. Harrison, Good, Ross, Jewett and Principal Mullin, all of whom complimented Mr. Thorne. An equally good paper was then read by Mr. Draper. He dealt with Canadian History. Mr. Draper held that teachers should prepare their lessons better beforehand and less would be heard about tedious text-books. Maps should often be used and patriotism stimulated wherever an opening offers. Principal Mullin emphasized the teachers rising above the text-book. Others joined readily in the discussion. Mr. Cormier's paper on Mathematics in the afternoon was equally well received. After electing the following executive committee for the ensuing year the Institute adjourned, feeling that the time was well spent. G. H. Harrison, M. A., president; John Barnett, vice-president; N. F. Thorne, secretary. Additional members of executive, Misses Carman and Reid.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

H. Judson Perry, a member of the senior class at Acadia, has been appointed Principal of Bathurst grammar school to succeed George K. McNaughton, B.A., who has accepted the principalship of Harkins' Academy, Newcastle. Mr. F. D. Yorston, the late principal, is taking a course at McGill college.

Mr. J. J. McKim, who has taught the school in Central Economy, N. S., very successfully, has accepted a position on the staff of the St. Georges schools, Bermuda.

Mr. A. C. M. Lawson, late principal of the Hopewell Hill Superior School, has accepted the principalship of the Superior school, Salisbury. Before leaving, a reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Lawson by the citizens of Hopewell Hill, at which an address was read and a presentation made, showing the appreciation in which Mr. Lawson's services were held.