

The necessary arrangements and organization for getting the fullest return in this respect are fully provided for. For the teachers from so many, and far distant, places who are coming to Alberta, the Summer School is an opportunity not only for professional improvement, but also for getting into personal touch with their fellow teachers and the officials of the Department of Education.

The most significant new departure this year was the giving of a special course to the Inspectors of the Province. Being in close sympathy with the policy of improving educational work for the rural districts the Provincial Inspectors of Schools at their annual mid-winter conference last December voted unanimously to ask the Minister of Education to provide a special course for them at the Summer School this year. The necessary arrangements were made. The course involved one full month's work and included the following: (a) Junior Course in Agriculture—20 periods of 90 minutes. (b) Senior Course in Agriculture—8 periods of 90 minutes. (c) Nature Study—Senior Course—20 periods of 90 minutes each. (d) Physical Training—30 hours—qualifying for Grade B certificate under the Militia Department. (e) Art Methods—10 periods of 90 minutes each. (f) Manual Training—10 periods of 90 minutes.

In addition to this somewhat heavy programme the Inspectors, under the Chairmanship of the Director of the Summer School, held sessions of a seminar three times a week for the organized discussion of problems of inspection and supervision.

In this way the three-fold purpose of the special course was accomplished: (a) To have inspectors and teachers come together for a period of social enjoyment. (b) To have the inspectors know at first hand the nature and scope of the special courses being given the teachers, in order that their supervision of the work of the teachers in these subjects may be more effective. (c) To provide an opportunity for the organized discussion of the problems of inspection and supervision in order that each might profit by the experience and reflection of all.

The general success of the summer session as a whole is best indicated by the fact that over one hundred of those in attendance signified their intention of returning in the summer of 1915 for additional work.

And ever, when the happy child
In May beholds the blooming wild,
And hears in heaven the blue bird sing,
"Onward", he cries, "your baskets bring!
In the next field is air more mild,
And in yon hazy west is Eden's balmier spring."—*Emerson*.