

Manual Training Association of N. S.

A meeting of the Manual Training Teachers' Association of Nova Scotia was held at Truro, August 18th, Mr. T. B. Kidner presiding. On his retirement he gave a practical address, urging the need of improvement and the ways of making the association more useful. The following are the officers for this year: President, E. H. Blois, Halifax; 1st Vice-president, N. L. Cooke, Glace Bay; 2nd Vice-president, D. Patterson, New Glasgow; Secretary-treasurer, N. H. Gardner, Halifax. The new Executive Committee are E. H. Blois, N. H. Gardner, H. W. Hewitt and N. L. Cooke.

Mr. Blois, president-elect, said that the teacher should specially study each pupil, for manual training affords an excellent means of finding out a pupil's likes and dislikes, his mental and physical defects, and is one of the best ways of developing his individuality. No stiff course of models or exercises should be set down for each pupil to work out in a grade. But the teacher should have a large collection of models from which he should select just what best suits the individual tendency of each pupil.

Mr. Hewitt, who had just returned from a five weeks' summer course in metal work, gave an account of what he saw in the manual training exhibits at the St. Louis exposition. Most of the European models were heavy, and uninteresting. He thought they were much better suited to trade than to manual training schools. The work in Nova Scotia would compare well with any he saw there in the same branches. The schools of the United States were showing a great deal of bent iron and sheet metal work, both very interesting and practical. These branches, he suggested, could be easily introduced into the schools here, owing to the cheapness of the material and the inexpensive outfit required. Arrangements are to be made to bring about a joint convention of the manual training teachers' associations of the Maritime Provinces next summer.

A New Inspector for Cape Breton.

"The Council of Public Instruction for Nova Scotia has subdivided the Island of Cape Breton into three inspectorial divisions. Inspector McKinnon retains the County of Victoria and the North of Inverness. Inspector Macneil retains the County of Richmond and relieves Mr. McKinnon of South Inverness. The division to be known as No. 11, is the large County of Cape Breton. The new inspector takes charge of this division, and the county is to be congratulated on the appointment of so competent a man as Mr. T. M. Phelan, B. A., LL. B. Mr. Phelan is a graduate in Arts, of St. Francis Xavier College, in Law of Dalhousie, and has only lately been called to the Bar of Nova

Scotia. He has had many years of service as a successful teacher, beginning in the common schools, and later having charge as principal of the County Academy at Port Hood, and of the Clare County Academy at Church Point. He completed his service in the teaching profession as a professor in St. Francis Xavier College for a few years. His experience would appear to be an ideal preparation for the important duties of his new office. The cutting down of the too unwieldy territory given to each inspector in the Island of Cape Breton should result in a material improvement in educational conditions in that favored portion of the province."

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Mr. Phelan is also a graduate of the Provincial Normal School at Truro, and has the reputation of a successful teacher and a brilliant scholar.

London University.

The Senate of the University of London has granted an examination station at Halifax, N. S., for the intermediate law examination.

The matriculation examination of the University of London will be held in Halifax in June next.

The Education Department at Halifax supplies the deputy examiners for the London university examinations.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The school at Moser River, Halifax County, has become a graded school, with Miss Stirling, of Windsor, as principal, and Miss McMann as associate.

A new series of readers is soon to be published for the Nova Scotian schools.

The attendance at the Moncton, N. B., schools is so largely increased as to require an addition to the staff of teachers.

His Lordship Bishop Casey, says the St. John, N. B., *New Freeman*, in his sermon on Sunday, prior to the opening of the schools, spoke of the necessity of education and of the duty which parents and guardians owe to the little ones entrusted to their care. By sending the children regularly to school, and by keeping them at their studies until they are equipped with a sound education, they fulfil an obligation which is imposed upon them in the proper training of their children.

Mr. Frank S. Small has taken charge of the Superior school at Apohaqui, N. B., in place of Mr. Geo. P. McCrae, who has resigned to take a course in medicine at McGill University. Miss L. Ida Northrup continues as the efficient teacher of the primary department.

Mr. R. B. Masterton, for several years principal of the superior school, Rexton, N. B., has become principal of the superior school at Port Elgin, N. B.

Mr. Guy McAdam has been appointed principal of the grammar school at Andover, N. B., and Miss Jennie Currie retains her position as assistant.