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SCARCITY OF TEACHERS — THE REMEDY. — In the report of Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent for New Brunswick, for the year 1916-1917, which has been submitted to the legislature, he states that "the supply of teachers is not equal to the demand, and the outlook for improvement

in this regard is not bright." Continuing, he goes on to say that "there is only one adequate remedy for scarcity of teachers — and that is larger salaries. There is only one reliable source of increase — the school district. Cities as a whole have responded more generously than country districts. The backwardness of the latter is generally due to the fault of the teachers, who, notwithstanding scarcity and increased cost of living, are willing to accept the salary the district has been accustomed to give for the past ten years."

It is very evident from the above that the teachers in the country districts who are receiving such small salaries, have to thank themselves for that state of affairs.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL TRUSTEES REQUEST. — We trust the request of the St. John School Trustees that their superintendent be made a member of the Provincial Board of Education will be favorably considered. The tremendous expenditure which the city is called upon to make for education, together with the fact that, as the chief commercial centre of the province, St. John should be in the lead in progressive educational matters, are convincing reasons.

KING'S COLLEGE CAMPAIGN. — It is most gratifying to note the splendid start made in connection with the King's College advance movement and we trust that the initial progress will continue, and the campaign workers be amply repaid by seeing the desired amount of \$125,000 reached in the near future.

RE COMPOSITION CONTEST. — We would draw the attention of our readers to the unique composition contest described in the announcement made by the Canadian Chewing Gum Co., Ltd., of Toronto, as published on another page of this issue. Not only are the prizes offered of a useful and valuable nature but the subject of the essay should prove most educational. Much of the required information may be gathered from the article published exclusively in the REVIEW for March.

ABOUT OUR NEW FEATURE. — It has been most encouraging to receive so many letters from teachers throughout the Maritime Provinces, referring to the Primary Grades and Rural School