

too soon to say that the danger of another war is over; for Turkey has bought a large battleship from Brazil, and seems to be preparing for another war with Greece.

Money has been raised in France by popular subscription to build an aerial war fleet of two hundred or more aeroplanes. The fear of war is very real.

The Panama Canal is so near completion that a large ocean steamer could now pass through. States coastwise ships from Panama Canal tolls, as being in

President Wilson is opposed to the exemption of United violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which provided that the canal should be open to ships of all nations on equal terms. It remains to be seen whether the United States Congress will adopt his view of the matter.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The school estimates for 1914-15 in Halifax provide for a school nurse to follow up the work of the physician in medical inspection of school children. The nurse will begin her duties in May.

In other cities where medical inspection in schools has been adopted, the nurse's work has been found a true economy, not only controlling the spread of contagion and infection, but preventing the development of diseases and enabling children to remain at school when otherwise they would have lost time and missed promotion.

The short course at the Truro Agricultural College closed on January 16th. It was a remarkable session in point both of attendance and of interest. Three hundred and fifty-one men students were enrolled, and many women also attended the classes. Much enthusiasm was evinced at the convention of the Women's Institute on the 14th. By far the greater number of students were Nova Scotians, but fifteen went from New Brunswick, and returned full of praise for the facilities of the Truro College, and for the work of Principal Cumming and his staff.

The first Agricultural College for New Brunswick will open about the first of February at Woodstock, when the New Vocational School erected by the executors of the Fisher Estate, will be deeded to the Provincial Government. The Principal of the new College is Mr. Robert Newton, a graduate of MacDonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and lately on the staff of the Central Experimental Station at Ottawa. In addition to his work as Principal of the College, Mr. Newton will also act as advising specialist to the Provincial Department at Ottawa. The agricultural work will be carried on in the basement and the top floor of the new building. The Domestic Science department is to be in charge of Miss Marven of Sussex, a graduate of the Mount Allison School, and Miss Winifred Smith of St. Stephen has been appointed teacher of Manual Training.

The Board of School Trustees of Fredericton have decided to put up a new building in Smythe Street for a graded school, rather than a new High School building with provision for industrial training.

The Alumni Scholarship at the University of New Brunswick, \$50.00 a year, tenable for three years, has been won by Mr. Leo C. Kelley of Fredericton, now in his freshman year. The Wetmore Scholarship of \$50.00 was awarded to Mr. Earl Oulton, of Moncton, a junior at the University.

A delegation from the Women's Canadian Club of St. Stephen, N. B., has asked the School Board of that town to introduce the Kindergarten system in the public schools.

During the Christmas holidays a conference of educational authorities was held in Halifax for the purpose of revising the curriculum of the High Schools of Nova Scotia, so as to meet modern requirements. The committee will meet at Easter and draw up a report to be submitted some time before the Interprovincial Conference in Halifax next August.

Throughout January and February, Halifax Public Schools open at 9.30 a. m. instead of at nine

The University of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., has had a most successful and encouraging year. During the summer the college building was altered, repaired and improved, and its accommodations are now taxed to the full. Including the eighteen students at the Law School in St. John, the enrolment is now a total of ninety-four.

The pre-vocational school at Calgary has begun work with an attendance of thirty-nine boys and forty-six girls. This school is an experiment, but it is confidently hoped that it will succeed in keeping the children in school longer, and in turning them out better fitted for work, than the present schools are able to do.

THE MAGAZINES.

How the cause of Bird Conservation is being served by the art of the theatre is shown in the February number of the "Century," which prints an abridgment of Mr. Percy MacKay's Bird Masque called "Sanctuary." This Masque, which has already been performed in New Hampshire, and will shortly be produced in New York, is also to be given in London by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, to influence the impending plumage bill. The "Century" has a paper on "The Two Mona Lisas," discussing the historical question whether the Mona Lisa of the Louvre, or that of the Prado in Madrid is the older. A most interesting article on the theatre is contributed by the famous actor Forbes-Robertson, who in his turn is the subject of "An Appreciation" by Richard LeGallinne. Teachers and parents will find interest and instruction in "The Boy who goes Wrong." Some excellent short stories, and varied articles make up a particularly attractive number.

Walter Rackham continues his illustrations of Mother Goose in the January "St. Nicholas." The admirable "More than Conquerors" biographical sketch has the sculptor St. Gaudens for its subject. Black-on-Blue is a fascinating story for stamp collectors, and "The House-keeping Adventures of the Junior Blairs," will interest domestic science students and furnish them with new recipes. "The Runaway" has a good instalment, and our old friends of the "Rose Alba" appear as Christmas Waits. A hitherto unpublished letter of Miss Albott's fitly appears in this magazine, with which she was so long associated.

Two very good stories are now running through Littell's "Living Age." "The Promise of Arden" by Eric Parker, and "The Power House," a mystery story by John Buchan. This magazine gives a selection of articles on political, social and literary topics of a uniform high standard.