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Wanted—Copies of REVIEW for July, 1894.

WITH this number of the REVIEW is sent the revised course of instruction for the public schools of New Brunswick. We direct the particular attention of our readers to an accidental omission made in the course printed on the new registers and sent to teachers. This is supplied in the course as reprinted and sent with this number of the REVIEW. The history for grade four in the mixed course for country schools is the same as for grades six and seven in the regular course, and the history for grade five in the country schools is the same as for grade eight in the city schools.

In this number of the REVIEW we publish the course of instruction for superior and high schools in New Brunswick. In its main features the course seems an excellent one. A somewhat hasty examination of it leads, however, to the following conclusions: First, it is doubtful whether arithmetic can be left out of the last two grades in the high school until it is more thoroughly taught in the common schools. Second, there is not a sufficient amount or variety in the English literature, nor is it graded according to the attainments of the pupils; the literature of grade eleven is more suitable for grade nine, and *vice versa*, while Meiklejohn's English literature,

a valuable compendium, is left for grade twelve, which does not yet exist. Third, Grecian and Roman history, and ancient geography, which are required for junior matriculation in the New Brunswick university, are not taken up in time to be of service to intending matriculants, and not until four or five years after the pupils have commenced the study of Latin and Greek. Fourth, some provision should be made for the study of German and an advanced course in drawing.

The St. John *Sun* is the first newspaper in the lower provinces to introduce type-setting machines into a printing office. The *Sun* before that was the model of a neat and well printed journal. Now it has excelled itself, and in typographical appearance as well as enterprise, is one of the leading journals in the Dominion.

County Institutes will be held this month in Kings, Albert, and Kent, and in Charlotte County early in October. We hope the secretaries of these institutes will send concise reports of the proceedings for the REVIEW.

THE very full and prompt attendance at the city schools at the beginning of the term is a very strong argument for the retention of the terms as they are in New Brunswick. Advancement and new surroundings are a strong inducement to pupils to be present at the beginning of the term and arrangements are made accordingly.

PRIMARY teachers have no longer to complain of the varied attainments of their pupils. They all begin at the same time, and must begin promptly, thus the great majority of pupils do not suffer owing to the remissness of a small minority. Pupils who might have entered in the spring will be just as far advanced at the end of the term, and their interest in school will not have flagged by want of attention in the first months.

WE neglected to mention in connection with the educational institute held in St. John, in June, the excellent display of kindergarten and other school materials made by Selby & Co., Toronto. The dis-