

ence of the organization and does not make an effort to join its membership, has not the *esprit de corps* we would expect to see in the profession. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Principal Calkin; *Vice-President*, Principal A. H. MacKay; *Secretary-Treasurer*, L. A. McKenna, Dartmouth.

FROM an educational point of view the meeting of the N. B. Institute, at Fredericton, in June, was an interesting one. The papers were all thoughtful and suggestive, the discussions admirable in spirit and in usefulness, and the tone of the meeting, as a whole, stimulative and progressive. Current movements of educational opinion were fully dealt with, without losing sight of the broad principles of sound general education.

The teachers of New Brunswick have reason to look with just pride on the progress which has been made in all departments of educational work, and no doubt many of them are indebted to the meetings of the Educational Institute for help and direction in their work. This meeting was full of such help and direction, and we hope that all future gatherings may be equally high in tone and purpose.

THE schools throughout the Atlantic Provinces are again at work after the summer holidays, and it is encouraging to note the increased attendance, the better facilities for work in improved courses of study, in school buildings and apparatus. The teachers have been stimulated by these signs of progress, and enter upon the new school year with fresh zeal. Let us hope that all along the line there is a steady determination to use to the utmost the materials we have for increasing the efficiency of our common schools.

N. B. COUNTY INSTITUTES: St. John County Institute meets at St. John (*not* at St. Martins as announced in the advertisement on another page), September 19th and 20th; Charlotte County, September 26th and 27th; Kings County, October 3rd and 4th.

WE REGRET that in our last two issues the printer without our observing it omitted the last cipher in the amounts of the Junior Exhibitions and Bursaries in the advertisement of the University of Dalhousie. Although divided by ten the amount still struck the printer's eye as of sufficient magnitude. As these prizes are tenable for two years the amount won at a given examination is double the annual quotation. \$8,500 (eight thousand five hundred dollars) may be won by students at the senior and junior matriculations held this month at the University. The pre-

eminently grand feature of this great mine of wealth is that it makes the University course as accessible to the poorest in the land as to the richest, providing there is the genius. It largely eliminates the influence of material circumstances, and makes university success more generally a function of intellectual ability wherever it may be found.

THE St. John's, Newfoundland, *Mercury* reports the discovery of a frog in Newfoundland. Is it an augury simply of political import, or is it a scientifically established fact?

THE St. John's, Newfoundland, *Mercury* of the 27th August, has a valuable article, under the head "Have we any Partridges?" The answer is, "No, nor ptarmigan, properly speaking, either." There is not much in a name sometimes; but as the American Ornithological Union have agreed upon a definite nomenclature, it might be as well to give it as much currency as possible to obtain the uniformity sought for. We find that the genera *Colinus*, *Oreortyx* and *Callipepla*, not found in Newfoundland nor the Atlantic Provinces, although they are in the western portion of the Dominion, are called *partridges*. The genera *Dendroperagus* and *Bonasa*, represented here by *D. Canadensis* and *B. umbellus togata*, are called *grouse*. The former has also been noticed in the west of Newfoundland. The genus *Lagopus* constitutes the *Ptarmigan* according to this authority. According to Ridgway, there are two species of ptarmigan peculiar to Newfoundland. *Lagopus lagopus albidus* (Stejn.), Allen's Ptarmigan, and *Lagopus uexilli* (Brewst.), Welch's Ptarmigan. The *Mercury* ably and popularly shows how different environments have contributed to the development of the different genera of this group.

OUR higher educational institutions are opening the new school year under most favorable auspices. Mt. Allison University was the first to fall into line with its resources taxed to the utmost to provide accommodation for increasing accession of students. The Halifax Ladies' College begins the year with an efficient staff of teachers and a large number of students. The N. B. Normal School sees one of the largest if not the largest class ever gathered within its walls. The Baptist Seminary, at St. Martins, opened this month with a new staff of teachers and an enrolment of eighty students. The N. B. University, Acadia, and Dalhousie will soon re-open, and the prospects for these institutions were never better.