

Recent discoveries of gold are reported from the Belgian Congo, and some of the reefs are said to be marvellously rich. Some further discoveries of gold in Alaska are also reported. But perhaps more important than either of these is the discovery of an immense tract of oil bearing shale in Newfoundland.

The fall of Nanking, which was captured by the Loyalists on the first of this month, has practically ended the rebellion in China. Government forces are moving against the remaining rebels in the several provinces, but it is not expected that they will meet with much resistance.

Thousands of tribesmen are on the warpath in British Somaliland, under the old leader known as the Mad Mullah.

There is still danger in the Mexican situation, the efforts of the President of the United States to bring about a truce between the provisional government and the northern insurgents being resented by both parties. Meanwhile the time for a general election in Mexico is approaching. This election may give such support to one or other of the two warring factions that its executive can be recognized as the true and lawful government of the country, though Mexican elections in the past have seldom deserved the name of real elections. The southern insurgents are mere bandits, and will not accept the rule of either party.

The International Peace Congress now in session at The Hague has adopted a resolution saying that the differences between the United States and Great Britain regarding the Panama Canal Act should be referred to arbitration.

### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

As a successor to Professor C. D. Howe the Board of Governors of Dalhousie have appointed J. N. Finlayson, M. Sc., to be Professor of Engineering in that University. Professor Finlayson is a native of Meredomish and got his early education at Pictou Academy. He has had experience as an instructor of engineering at McGill, and as practical engineer in British Columbia.

Another graduate of Pictou Academy and Dalhousie of whom we hear is C. B. Robinson, Jr., who was at one time science and mathematics master in Pictou. Since 1908 Dr. Robinson has been connected with the Bureau of Science, Manila. The Botanical Journal "Torreya" for August has the following note: "Dr. C. B. Robinson of the botanical staff of the Bureau of Science, Manila, left Manila on June 17th for Amboina. The object of Dr. Robinson's trip is to make a thorough botanical exploration of Amboina. He plans to spend about six months in Amboina and the neighbourhood. He has the co-operation and assistance of the Dutch botanists at Buitenzorg, Java." Dr. Robinson, writes that the botanic gardens at Buitenzorg are famous the world over, and excel all gardens in the tropics for the work done there.

Professor Adam Cameron, B. Sc., M. A., Edinburgh, has been appointed to the Chair of Chemistry at the University of New Brunswick.

There have been several changes in the Faculty at Acadia University. Dr. Jones has resigned and become Professor Emeritus; G. H. Waldrop is to be instructor in Greek; John E. Sievers, M. A., and G. Cavicchia, are to be professors of German and French respectively. J. A. Ambler, Ph. D., becomes professor of Chemistry, leaving Professor Haycock

to devote all his time to geology, while A. B. Balcom, M. A., relieves Professor Tufts of the work in Economic Science. Miss Haley, M. A., S. B., University Librarian, becomes instructor in Library Science.

The Board of School Trustees and the physicians of Sackville, N. B., are arranging for medical inspection in the schools.

The School Trustees at Woodstock contemplate establishing a night school in the Fisher Memorial School.

Mr. Frederick C. Manning, son of Dr. James Manning of St. John, and a graduate of St. John High School has undertaken the Principalship of the Sunbury County Grammar School. Mr. Manning, who is only nineteen years old is probably the youngest principal in the Province.

During the meeting of Teachers' Associations in London, in July, under the auspices of the League of the Empire, some thirty Canadian teachers were invited to a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace. Among those who were honoured by being the guests of the King and Queen were Miss Lyle Kennedy and Miss E. A. Wilson of New Brunswick, and Miss Creighton and Mr. and Mrs. Tresery of Nova Scotia.

Both in St. John and Fredericton, the school rooms and teachers were overtaxed at the reopening of school in August. In St. John a new class room had to be opened and an extra teacher provided in the High School for Grade X, while in Fredericton the overflowing of Grades IV and V had to be similarly provided for.

Mr. Walter L. Daley of Elgin, is to be principal of the Woodstock Grammar School.

Misses Etta E. DeWolfe and L. A. Wilson of the St. Stephen, N. B., teaching staff, arrived home on the Saturday noon train from their trip to the British Isles and the continent, on the hands across the seas excursion and resumed their work on Tuesday, September 2.

Miss Florence E. Robertson has joined the St. Stephen staff and is engaged in teaching Grades VII and VIII.

W. T. Denham, B. A., has assumed the principalship of the Milltown, N. B., Schools.

### RECENT BOOKS.

The University Tutorial Press sent us a new school edition of *The Tempest*, edited by A. R. Weekes, M. A., and F. Allen, B. A. It is intended for junior classes, and the introduction and notes seem to us well suited for young students. The paragraphs on metrie, prose, and Shakespeare's English are particularly simple and concise. (1s. 4d.)

From the same publishers comes a copy of *Le Blocus*, the sixth in that series of historical and patriotic tales in which Erckmann and Chatrian deal with the campaigns of the French Republic and the Empire. The editor, R. F. James, seems to halt between old fashioned and "reform" methods, for he gives English notes, but a *questionnaire* at the end of each chapter. This is a very nice little edition of an interesting story. (1s. 6d.)

*Carlyle's Heroes, Hero-Worship, and The Heroic in History.* Edited, with introduction, notes and bibliography, by Herbert S. Murch, Ph. D., Princeton University. (Cloth, xlv+313 pages, with portrait. Introduction price, 75 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, New York, Chicago. The large and