

Dalhousie Convocation.

The convocation of Dalhousie University was held on the 25th of April. The three Maritime Provinces were all represented in the graduating class—55 from Nova Scotia, 6 from New Brunswick, and 4 from Prince Edward Island. There were 36 graduates in arts, 12 in law, 12 in medicine, 4 in science, and 1 in engineering.

During the past year the science department was enlarged by the addition of machinery for the mining laboratory and specimens for the geological museum. The department of civil engineering is now in satisfactory working condition with forty-six students, including a very successful class in mechanical drawing. A fair share of the bursaries and special prizes were won by the graduates of the Halifax Academy. T. T. Fulton, B.A., of Bass River, has the distinction of being the first graduate in mining engineering. Prominent among the graduates in law was Ira A. MacKay, Ph.D., from the education department of Cornell University. It is to be regretted that the legal profession should have captured one of the best qualified educationists of the province.

New Brunswick Teachers' Association.

The third annual convention of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association met in the high school, Fredericton, April 24th, President Wm. McLean in the chair. The delegates present were: W. M. McLean, W. J. S. Myles, J. Frank Owens and Thomas E. Powers, of St. John; Charles D. Richards, Woodstock; R. Ernest Estabrooks, McAdam; Miss Bessie M. Fraser, Grand Falls; H. Burton Loggie, Chatham; H. H. Stuart, Harcourt; Frank A. Good, Fredericton; Fred. A. Dixon, Sackville; W. R. Shanklin, Sunbury, Queens, and S. W. Irons, of Moncton.

The secretary-treasurer's report showed 358 paid-up members, exclusive of Albert County, which sent no returns. New subordinate associations since the last meeting were organized in Gloucester, Westmorland and Moncton. The prospects for the association were bright. The accounts showed a small surplus. The salary schedule and declaration of December last was unanimously endorsed by the convention.

It was resolved that the executive appoint three persons for each county or city, and one or more persons for the normal school to solicit new members.

It was unanimously resolved that the convention endorse the three recommendations in the Chief Superintendent's report, as follows:

"That the provincial grant to teachers of the

first and second classes after two years of service in the public schools shall be increased by ten per cent for third year, and by a further ten per cent each additional year thereafter until a maximum is reached of \$200 per year for first class male teachers; \$150 for first class female teachers, and \$120 for second class female teachers."

"That the sum of \$40 per year, instead of \$30, as at present, be paid directly to teachers out of the county fund, and that in order to meet the additional claim upon the fund the amount levied upon each county shall be equal to forty cents for every inhabitant of the county, instead of thirty cents, as at present."

"That each parish, so far as may be found practicable, shall constitute a single school district, with a school board elected or appointed as the legislature may determine. Among the important duties of the parish school board would be the grouping of the present districts and the establishing of central graded schools wherever the conditions would permit the appointment of competent teachers and the local supervision of all the schools of the parish by the agency of a secretary. The minimum rate of assessment should not be less than one-half of one per cent of the assessable valuation of the parish. It would enable the trustees to increase the local salaries of the teachers by at least fifty per cent without imposing too heavy a burden upon any locality."

On motion, the executive, with power to add to their number, was appointed as a standing committee.

The per capita tax was raised from ten to fifteen cents.

At the evening session the following resolution passed unanimously:

"In view of the expensive machinery of the normal school and the large number of trained teachers annually passing out of the institution, we feel that there is no scarcity of teachers to meet the needs of the province if adequate remuneration be offered by trustees. We therefore resolve that the legislative committee of this association strongly protest against the renewal of third class licenses and the issuing local licenses by inspectors."

It was unanimously resolved that all members of the association changing schools notify the secretary of the county association, and also that they be requested to report when they have secured schools. And further, that the county secretaries be urged to make a list of all unfilled schools, and furnish information when possible to members of the association.

No information concerning vacancies is to be given to those not members of the association.

The officers elected were: W. M. McLean, re-elected, president; H. Burton Loggie, vice-president; H. H. Stuart, re-elected secretary-treasurer; F. A. Dixon, Rex Cormier, R. E. Estabrooks, B. C. Foster and Miss Bessie M. Fraser, additional members of executive.