

Vocational agricultural training is necessary not only from the point of view of increased production of wealth, but also from the point of view of contentment of the farmers. There is a great difference between doing things through custom and doing them in the spirit of knowledge. There is more routine about the first way, and routine you know, is depressing, deadening. Give the farmers more agricultural instruction and you make their work more interesting for them.

Agricultural instruction will help to change public opinion with regard to the dignity of the farming profession. When agriculture receives as much attention as do the other professions, then will it cease to be looked upon as an inferior calling. Put farming on the same intellectual plane as the legal profession for example by giving it more attention in our high schools and universities and you dignify the profession, you eliminate snobbishness, you help to solve the problem of rural depopulation.

Our new democracy requires more vocational agricultural training. The farmers are taking the guidance of their political destinies into their own hands. If the farmers are going to do well, this increased share of control that they are seeking, they must be better educated. Some one has said that it will be one of the great astonishments of history that American democracy has had the hardihood to attempt our great political experiment upon a basis of an average sixth grade education. To us who know how little real democracy prevails in our supposedly democratic country it is no astonishment. Real democracy though seems to be coming, that is the masses are taking political affairs into their own hands, and it certainly will be a failure unless the masses receive something better than an average sixth grade education. How then are they to receive this? By giving the rising generation instruction suited to their needs, by giving them more vocational agricultural training. The quickest way to get more culture, the quickest way to prepare the farmers for the responsibility they are assuming is vocational agricultural training.

An excellent map of Europe after the Great War is published by Evans Brothers, Montague House, Russell Square, London, W. C. 1. England. It is of a size for convenient use by the individual pupil. On the back, maps of many of the countries are given on a larger scale. This map cost 4d.

Books are the best things, well used; abused among the worst.—Emerson.

School and College

At a meeting of the Provincial Board of Technical Education held recently in St. John, N. B., with the President, Hon. Fred Magee in the chair, it was announced that Sackville and Milltown had adopted the plan of day Vocational Schools and had applied for assistance in providing buildings—Milltown to the extent of \$12,000, and Sackville, \$50,000. The Board recommended that the Government make grants on the following basis: 50 per cent. up to 5,000 population; 33 1-3 per cent. from 5,000 to 10,000; 25 per cent. over 10,000; and 33 1-3 per cent. for joint schemes. Fletcher Peacock, Director of Vocational Education, read his report of the Dominion Convention of Technical Education, and the meeting expressed its approval of the establishment of a Dominion Technical College. Out-of-town members who were present were Dr. W. S. Carter, of Fredericton; Dr. Bridges and Professor Gorham.

The ratepayers of West Florenceville have begun the erection of a new school building. It will be of brick and is being built on the foundation of the old Consolidated School building, destroyed by fire a few years ago. East Florenceville is also erecting a new school building.

ST. F. X. UNIVERSITY NOTES

St. F. X. University, Antigonish, has an enrolment of 200 students in the school of Arts and Science, and an enrolment of 100 in the Preparatory Department.

Rev. Dr. Hugh MacPherson has been added this year to the Engineering staff. During the past six years he was the Provincial Agricultural representative for Antigonish County, and did a great deal during that time towards introducing better farming methods into the county.

The University Campaign for \$500,000 is nearly over and has been a success. The objective aimed at has been practically reached. In view of the fact that the largest individual subscription received was \$5,000, and that there were not many of these, it may be seen that the University has an asset more valuable than the rich man's favor, the love and esteem of its alumni and of the common people.

Kent County. The annual meeting of the Kent Co. Teachers' Institute was held in Rexton, Oct. 21st and 22nd. At the first session Miss Louise Friel was elected President. Inspector Hebert then