

was open. A pupil who did not attend at all would be absent every day school was open. The Secretary of trustees would have the data made up ready for him in the register before the teacher's return would be completed. The absentee compensation together with the poll tax would enable the Secretary to reduce the amount to be assessed upon the ratepayers which would not only be agreeable to them, but necessary justice; while it would be a caution to the careless parent. What objection can there be to this simple plan?

The School Children's Motor Ambulance

for which \$2291.84 was raised thru the initiative of Mrs. Grace Tytus McLennan of Sydney, a photo of which will be found on page 158 of the April *Journal of Education*, 1916, has this month been returned, battered by an extensive war service in Europe, and *hors de combat*. It has been sent to the Technical College where its useful life may be restored and for some time preserved as a memorial of the efforts of the school children in the Great World War.

SUPERVISOR E. J. LAY.

As the last form of the *Journal* is going to press, another of our leading educational veterans passed away on the morning of 29 October, without preliminary illness, and from a long, active, and useful life as a Teacher, Inspector, and Supervisor of Schools; and for some time a member of the Advisory Board of Education. As a citizen, E. J. Lay was also an eminently leading personality.

Cadet Instructors' Course for 1920.

The Department of Militia and Defense of Canada is now preparing estimates with a view of reorganizing the Cadet Instructors Summer Courses interrupted by the war.

The Superintendent of Education has just been asked to estimate the approximate number of male school teachers who may desire to take such a course next summer.

Will male teachers who think they may probably take such a course next year, if it is offered, promptly send their name and address to him at the Education Office, Halifax, so that he may be able to secure provision for them, the applications being registered at the Office in the order in which they come in. *Journals of Education* previous to 1915, contain specifications of the original courses.