

others. A resolution expressed gratification that the government has in view the establishment of a pension fund, and appointed a committee to consider the matter.

The Albert Institute elected the following officers: G. J. Trueman, president; Miss Edna Floyd, vice-president; Warren R. Atkinson, secretary; additional members of the executive, Frank Blake and Miss Avard.

The officers elected for Westmorland are: Geo. J. Oulton, Moncton, president; Henrietta Ruel, Sackville, vice-president; S. W. Irons, Moncton, secretary; Jos. Comeau, Cape Bauld, T. T. Goodwin, Salisbury, Miss Minnie Fisher, Dorchester, additional members of the executive.

#### ST. JOHN COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The St. John County Teachers' Institute was held in St. John, October 10th and 11th, A. Lindsay Dykeman, the president, in the chair. In his opening address, the president dealt instructively with the Factors of Teaching, followed by Principal Joseph Harrington, who outlined his methods for teaching history. He held that if pupils are taught the proper method of analysis of history, the teacher should have little else to do but assign the lesson. Then followed a series of papers: Miss K. R. Bartlett, teacher of domestic science, showed what is being done throughout Canada in this useful subject; Miss M. A. Nannary made a strong plea for Proper Articulation in Pronunciation; Miss M. I. Morrow showed the importance of constant Physical Training in all school work, so that correct attitudes would become unconscious habits; Miss A. B. McLeod referred to the cultivation of the will as a strong force in the teaching of Morals and Manners; and Miss Jean Scott spoke of the tact, patience and other qualities required in the distribution of Awards and Punishments.

On the second day Miss Harriet F. Smith read a discriminating paper on the life and literary work of Dr. Theodore H. Rand, and Mr. H. H. Hagerman, of the normal school, illustrated the teaching of Drawing, and for nearly two hours this important subject held the attention of the Institute.

The Pension scheme for teachers was discussed by Principal Myles, Mr. B. R. Armstrong and Principal McLean. Principal Myles held that a pension fund for teachers could be established and maintained by government more efficiently and economically than by any other means. A resolution to this effect, moved by him and seconded by Dr. Bridges, was heartily endorsed by the Institute. Mr. T. B. Kidner, director of manual training, gave a short address, after which the following officers were elected: W. L. McDiarmid, president; Miss A. B. McLeod, vice-president; Miss Ida Keegan, secretary-treasurer; Miss Morrell and Miss J. Scott, additional members of the executive.

A visit to the Natural History Society's museum and a reception given by the city Teachers' Association followed the close of the Institute.

#### NORTH COLCHESTER INSTITUTE.

A most successful normal institute for the teachers of North Colchester was held at Tatamagouche on Thursday and Friday of last week. Almost the entire teaching staff of the district was present, and excellent work was done. Lessons were conducted in singing by Miss Dickson, of Truro, and part of each session was devoted to music.

A series of lessons on nature study work was conducted by Miss Spencer, of Great Village, and the eagerness with which the children entered upon this branch of the work, and the thoroughly practical nature of the lessons, was one of the gratifying features.

The lessons in drawing, conducted by Miss Ethel Dickson, appealed most strongly to the large number of teachers present, and created a great deal of enthusiasm. To many of them the work was almost entirely new, and presented, as it was, from the standpoint of practical drawing, gave the teachers many new and valuable suggestions for carrying on the work in their own schoolrooms.

Miss Drysdale, of Tatamagouche, who is in charge of the school at Balfour, conducted the lesson in geography, bearing chiefly on the industrial and commercial resources of the dominion. These lessons brought before the teachers in a new way the splendid work which they can do in geography by interesting their classes in the commercial side of Canadian life, and the interest which the pupils took in the lessons was an inspiration to the whole Institute.

Excellent lessons were conducted in reading by Miss Deeming, of Central New Annan, and Miss Roache, of Tatamagouche. The former emphasized how reading lessons may form the basis of talks on nature, and the latter brought out the use of phonetics as a means of teaching correctness of pronunciation.

Inspector Campbell led the evening classes, and conducted a series of discussions in methods of work in the schoolroom. The teachers of North Colchester are justly proud of the success of their institute. —*Truro Sun*, October 17.

#### GLOUCESTER COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Gloucester County, N. B., Teachers' Institute met at Bathurst on Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th, Principal Girdwood, the president, in the chair. Miss Helene DeGrace read a well-prepared paper on Composition, and Mr. D. L. Mitchell, principal of the grammar school, one on the Inculcation of Patriotism. After both papers had been freely discussed, Mr. T. B. Kidner, director of manual training, instructed the members of the Institute on what could be done without any elaborate equipment in some easy and profitable manual work.

During the second day's sessions Mr. Daigle showed his method of teaching decimals, Inspector Doucet gave an address on Educational Progress