

THE SUMMER RURAL SCIENCE SCHOOL FOR NEW BRUNSWICK.

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The decision has been arrived at to establish at Woodstock a New Brunswick Summer Rural Science School for teachers. The managing committee has been appointed by the Agriculture and Education Departments acting conjointly. The Fisher Vocational School will be the home of the first sessions.

The full course will cover two summer sessions of four weeks each, with an interim winter reading and experimental course. The first session will open on the second Wednesday of July next. Only a limited number of applicants — not more than ninety — can be accepted.

The course will include instruction in (1) Nature Study and school gardening; (2) Botany and birds; (3) farm animals; (4) rural household science; (5) farm carpentry; (6) plant and soil chemistry and physics. Weather, insects, farm book-keeping, and other subjects related to the foregoing, will be arranged in accordance with convenience, to form in all six groups or departments.

Since it is desirable to extend throughout the Province the influence of trained work in agriculture, the number of applicants to be accepted from each county will be determined on the basis of population and the number of schools in operation there. Should the number of applications from any county on a certain date, probably the fifteenth day of May, be below the number allotted to it, applications may be accepted from other counties having the full quota assigned them.

Teachers who attend this Summer School and who satisfactorily pass the sessional examinations, will have their transportation charges (not including sleepers, meals and baggage transfers) allowed them. These will be paid at Woodstock at the close of the session. They will also receive at the end of the first term during which they give in their schools satisfactory instruction in Agriculture with School Gardening, a further sum of twenty dollars. This is to aid in paying expenses while in Woodstock.

Both trustees and teachers of schools in which Agricultural Instruction with School Gardening is given, shall receive the statutory grants

provided for in the "Schools Act" and in accordance with the regulations thereunder.

The need for trained men and women along practical lines of education is coming into prominence in this Province. Positions are calling for capable teachers with special training and qualifications. It is hoped that our young men especially will seize upon this opportunity to obtain the power to aid in developing the resources of their country and at the same time increase their earning capacity.

A calendar with instructions as to the various features of the course, the syllabus of studies, requirements of applicants, and other matters connected with the school is being prepared, and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks. It may then be had on application to the Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, Sussex, N. B.

We all know that King John did not sign Magna Charta, but instead caused his seal to be attached to it, and ever since his time the affixing of the great seal has been the necessary formality for the execution of certain Government functions. It is therefore necessary that this seal and its guardian, the Lord Chancellor, should always remain in the country, and it is said that Cardinal Wolsey was until this year the only Lord Chancellor who has gone abroad during his tenure of the office. It will also be remembered, and it serves as an illustration of the importance of the instrument, that when James II of England fled the country on the approach to Westminster of William of Orange, he thought to disarrange public affairs for his rival by dropping the great seal into the Thames. That act did not hinder the change of dynasty which we call "the Revolution," any more than the other legal formalities ignored in the winter of 1688-9, and now that Lord Haldane has paid a semi-public visit to the United States of America the seal was put, during his absence, "into commission," i. e., into the custody of three statesmen who used it whenever required until Lord Haldane returned.—*School World*.

The best thing education can do is to make moral character efficient through mental discipline.—L. B. Briggs.