

Dominion Educational Association.

The D. E. A. met at Victoria, B. C., from the 13th to 16th July, 1909. Dr. Alexander Robinson, Chief Superintendent of Education for British Columbia, was president, and was supported by an able corps of officers from the Western provinces, as well as from the beautiful provincial capital, which did credit to its reputation as a generous host. The province of British Columbia did its share also in a specially generous style. Atlantic Province and Ontario men and women were prominent in every department. There were about five hundred teachers present, mainly from the Pacific Coast, but with a very respectable contingent from every other province. This latter feature was more marked than at any previous convention of the D. E. A. It looked as if the breadth of Canada had ceased to bar a representative Canadian gathering.

Dr. Robertson, of the Macdonald College, gave a powerful address on the future of rural schools. Professor Adam Shortt, chairman of the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa, discussed the relation of the Civil Service to the Provincial systems. Dr. Pritchett, the energetic president of the great Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning, discussed comparatively the proper limits of university and high school or college work, paying the highest compliment to the Nova Scotian system. And Superintendent Greenwood, of Kansas City, was a specially able representative from the National Educational Association of the U. S. A., which met the preceding week in Denver, Colorado. From the Atlantic, Superintendent MacKay, of Nova Scotia, took general part in all the work, and Principal David Solon, of the Normal College at Truro, and Inspector Macdonald, of Antigonish, presented valuable papers in the inspection and training section.

When the election of officers came up, a general desire was evident that the next convention should be in Quebec, so as to give an opportunity to see and study at first hand the Macdonald College. The selection of officers appears to be made with such a policy in view. The following list of officers and general resolutions passed, which we quote from the *Victoria Daily Times* of the 16th July:

President, Dr. J. W. Robertson, Quebec; Vice-president, A. H. MacKay, Nova Scotia; General Secretary, J. C. Lynde, Quebec; Treasurer, Dr. A. J. Dale, Quebec; Directors, Dr. D. Solon, Nova Scotia; Chief Superintendent W. S. Carter, New

Brunswick; Theodore Ross, B. A., Prince Edward Island; R. Fletcher, M. A., Manitoba; President W. C. Murray, Saskatchewan; Dr. A. Melville Scott, Alberta; Dr. A. Robinson, British Columbia; Professor Marshall, Professor Norman A. DeWitt and J. C. Glashan, Ontario; Dr. G. W. Parmelee and H. J. Silver, Quebec.

The Committee to report upon the matter of improving the work of the association recommended that a permanent secretary be appointed if ways and means can be secured from the different governments for his support. A committee was named to carry this resolution into effect; also to have a meeting of the association in 1910 if arrangements can be made.

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Summer School of Science.

The Summer School of Science completed its forty-third session on Friday, July 30th, at Charlottetown, P. E. I. The school was opened on the evening of Wednesday, July 14th, and work began on Thursday morning at eight o'clock with great earnestness and vigour. These qualities marked the conduct of the whole session, and, in spite of a few days of hot weather during the last week, there was practically no falling off or flagging. Many of the students worked very hard, beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning with music or military drill, and going on with science, literature, manual training or domestic science until noon, returning in the afternoon for laboratory work, or going out for field work, and reporting for military drill again in the evening. All the instructors report regular attendance and most satisfactory work.

Two special features of this session of the school must be mentioned. One of these was the military drill. This was a special course given by an instructor furnished by the Department of Militia and Defence. It was largely attended by teachers from Nova Scotia, as the Council of Public Instruction for that province requires its teachers to qualify as instructors in this subject.

The second special feature was the introduction of a system of scholarships, by which students who reach a certain required standard in class work and examinations may be able to meet, in part at least, their expenses at the school. The names of the winners of the six scholarships of \$20 each were announced at the closing of the school, as follows: Possible marks, 300. David McLean, Charlottetown, 278; Bertha Oxner, 277; Ella McMurray,