

Chief Superintendent Carter.

The REVIEW presents its readers with a full page portrait, in the supplement which goes out with this number, of William S. Carter, LL. D., Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick.

Dr. Carter received his early education in the schools of New Brunswick. He is an honour graduate of its university, of which he is now by virtue of his office the president of the Senate. At the June Encœnia, 1910, his alma mater conferred on him the honorary degree of LL. D.

Dr. Carter's whole active life work has been devoted to education in New Brunswick. Before entering college he was a teacher in the public schools. After graduation he became the mathematical master of the St. John Grammar school, from which he resigned to become the Inspector of Schools for St. John and Charlotte counties. On the resignation of Dr. J. R. Inch in 1909, he was chosen Chief Superintendent of Education for the province.

Dr. Carter's success in educational work is largely due to his excellent natural ability, his energy and capacity for business. These qualities, with a steady determination and capability to do work and plenty of it would have ensured him success in almost any vocation of life; in educational affairs they have combined to make him a most effective executive officer. His experience as a teacher and inspector, coupled with a wide reading of conditions in other countries, has given him much exact knowledge which he uses to advantage in administering the educational affairs of his native province. Added to this, his frequent visits to schools and institutes since his accession to office have been the means of bringing him in closer touch with teachers and school officials throughout New Brunswick.

Under such conditions it is safe to predict for Chief Superintendent Carter a salutary and advanced educational policy; and that his force and ability will be exerted to secure stronger and more efficient schools, with a scale of remuneration that will attract and retain the best teaching ability of the province. His brief administration of two years has given excellent promise, and those who know him may safely trust that he will do his best to fulfil expectations.

Rural Science School.

The Rural Science School which closed at Truro, N. S., on the 11th of August, after a session of nearly five weeks, was by far the most successful in its history. The enrolment was 136, and of these the larger number had taken the physical science drill before enrolling. Consequently the most of the students were able to devote their whole attention to the scientific work of this school which is doing so much to enlarge the influence of the teachers of Nova Scotia. "The students were certainly an encouraging lot, earnest and faithful in their work," said a teacher, "and it was an inspiration to guide them." The teachers feel greatly satisfied with the results and that the success of the school is assured.

The course of study is now laid out in three divisions, one for each of the three years required for qualification for the Rural Science diploma. The course embraces the principles and application of nature-study, biology, school gardening, agriculture, chemistry and physics. The students are expected, during the coming year, to carry on some of the studies which they began at the school during the last term. Many are now doing this, as they teach and will make reports of their work to the members of the staff next summer. In this way the work of the school will be extended over a longer period than it otherwise would, and will benefit the pupils of the schools where these student teachers are engaged.

Professor C. L. Moore was the director of the school, and associated with him were Professors Percy J. Shaw, L. C. Harlow, Fraser, and Connolly. A more efficient corps of instructors it would be difficult to find, who, in addition to their manifold duties throughout the year, devoted the greater part of their summer vacation to this work. With such a staff, under the capable direction of Principal Cumming, of the Agricultural College, and Principal Soloan, of the Normal College, the educational outlook in Nova Scotia has been broadened.

By advertisement in this issue it will be seen that the Royal Crown—the English civil service style—has been prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction of Nova Scotia at the reduced price of three cents per book—the same retail price named for the Ontario books which their publisher declined to supply.