

School, College and Other Items of Interest

The Board of Education of New Brunswick met December 20, in connection with the sitting of the provincial government. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley presided. A large quantity of routine business was transacted. An addition of much interest to many of the teachers of the province was made to Regulation 23, sub-section 8, as follows:

"It shall form no part of the duties of any teacher or pupil to make the fires, sweep or clean the school room. Though any teacher or pupil may be employed by the trustees to attend to any or all of these matters at a suitable compensation."

The Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. W. S. Carter, who recently returned from the Canadian west, reported upon free text books and other matters which came to notice during his visit. His report contained certain recommendations.

A special committee composed of Premier Foster, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. W. F. Roberts and Dr. Carter was appointed to deal with these recommendations.

The Board, considering the matter of text books, authorized the text book on algebra now in use in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

The death occurred recently at Montreal of Professor Clark Murray, professor of McGill University in mental and moral philosophy. He was eighty-two years old and was born in Paisley, Scotland.

Three ten days' courses in Home Economics under the auspices of the Women's Institute of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture will be held at the Agricultural School, Sussex, January 8 to 18; Public School, Chatham, January 22 to February 1, and Agricultural School, Woodstock, February 5 to 15.

Each course will include:

CLASS I.

Home Nursing and First Aid.—Teacher, Miss Gertrude M. MacKinnon, Graduate Nurse, Fredericton, 9.00-10.00 a. m.

CLASS II.

Theoretical and Practical Cookery.—Teacher, Miss Ada B. Saunders, Assistant Supervisor of Women's Institutes, 10.00 a. m.-1.00 p. m.

CLASS III.

Personal Talks to Mothers and Girls.—Teacher, Miss Gertrude MacKinnon, 2.00-3.00 p. m.

CLASS IV.

Millinery.—Teacher, Miss Minnie McConaghy, Milliner, Fredericton, assisted by Miss Jennie Alward, Havelock, 3.00-4.30 p. m.

CLASS V.

Dressmaking.—Teacher, Miss Jennie P. Alward, Dressmaker, Havelock, assisted by Miss Minnie McConaghy, Fredericton.

The closing exercises of Miss Elsie Trentowsky's kindergarten, St. John, took place on December 19, at the

schoolroom in the Church of England Institute and were much enjoyed by the parents of the children and their friends. Miss Trentowsky was ably assisted by Miss Ada Farwell, and the programme and discipline of the children reflected the greatest credit on their instructors.

Rothsay College students, teachers and friends enjoyed their annual Christmas supper recently. Instead of the usual Christmas turkey, the boys contributed to the Halifax Relief Fund, and had roast beef as the principal dish. Over one hundred guests were present. Rev. E. R. Hibbard presided. Football prizes and the cup for interscholastic league cup were presented.

The Sussex schools closed for Christmas holidays on December 21, the closing exercises being held in the assembly hall in the morning.

The Charlottetown Springfield School concert, in the Temperance Hall, at Springfield, Lot 67, took place December. An excellent program was carried out.

The Teachers' Winter Short Course, to begin at Woodstock on January 9 at 9 o'clock in the morning, is to be of more than usual interest. Some new features of value are to be added to the regular nature study work. Specially prepared chart and stencil plans of work are to be used and lantern slides will be on hand to illustrate lessons.

It has been practically decided that the temporary location of Canada's naval college, destroyed at Halifax, will be at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

The fine school building at Port Greville, Parrsboro, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday evening, December 17. It is thought that the fire originated from the furnace. The teaching staff was composed of Principal Lent, Miss Blenkhorn and Miss Kerr.

The net proceeds of the concert, given by the pupils of the Charlotte Street school, Fredericton, on December 19, in the assembly hall, in aid of the Halifax sufferers, amounted to \$125.90. This amount was handed to Ald. Jos. Walker, treasurer of the relief committee, by Miss Sadie Thompson, principal of the school.

Text books used in the New York high schools in teaching German, which contain laudatory references to the Kaiser, or the history of the Hohenzollerns, or any statements which may be used by teachers so inclined as a basis for German propaganda, will be eliminated from the course of study.

A very enjoyable concert was held in the Belleville School House on December 5, consisting of recitations and dialogues, rendered by the scholars, under the charge of their teacher, Miss Mildred I. Williams. Before and after the programme the audience was entertained by excellent selections of music on the new Edison Recreation, rendered by Mr. J. McDougall of Woodstock, which was very much appreciated by all. A very pretty centre-piece was donated by Mrs. LeRoy, London, and sold by lottery. The receipts of the evening were thirty-four dollars and five cents (\$34.05) which was given to the Belleville Red Cross Society.

The Christmas closing of the kindergarten, Charlottetown, this year, was, as usual, most interesting and enter-