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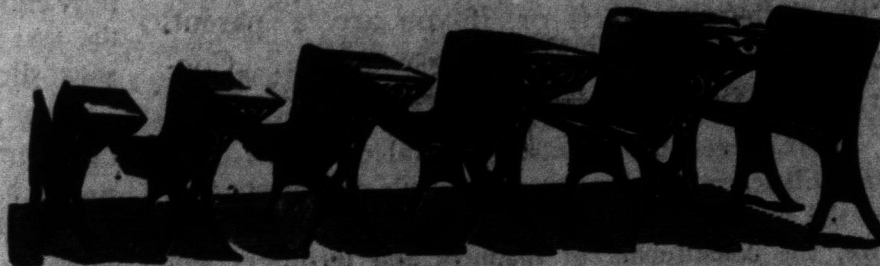
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Sir Henry Pellatt, commander of the Canadian regiment now in England, has reviewed sixty thousand of the Boy Scouts. There are now two hundred and fifty thousand British boys enrolled in the scout movement, although it is but two years old.

The eightieth birthday of President Diaz and the one-hundredth anniversary of the independence of Mexico were celebrated with great rejoicings throughout Mexico on the fifteenth of last month. As the declaration of independence was followed by a long war, it was not until eleven or twelve years later that Mexico was really independent. It is now a nation of about 15,000,000 people. Chili has also been celebrating the centennial of its declaration of independence.

The cholera epidemic which originated in southern Russia has spread eastward and westward until it has reached southeastern Siberia in one direction and the Mediterranean countries in the other; and its victims now are said to be more than a hundred thousand in number.

A tract of six hundred thousand square miles in Australia that has hitherto been thought unfit for settlement is declared by a recent explorer to be capable of supporting a great population. It is in the northern territory of Western Australia. Acting for the government of the state, he has made a road through the region, and left a chain of wells, at an average distance of fourteen miles apart, at each of which there is sufficient water for large herds of cattle. The result is a new highway between Northern and Southern Australia, eight hundred miles in length, through one of the finest pastoral regions in the world.

**SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.**

Lectures began at the University of New Brunswick on Monday, October 3rd.

The Horton Academy, Wolfville, has an attendance of nearly one hundred students this term, of whom twenty-eight are from New Brunswick, forty-eight from Nova Scotia, three from P. E. Island, one from Quebec, seven from the United States, and one from the West Indies.

Miss Louise Perkins, recently principal of the Superior School, Nor.on, N. B., is taking a course at the Guelph Agricultural College, Ontario.

Professor Bronson, of Yale, and later of McGill, has succeeded Dr. Stanley MacKenzie in the chair of Physics, at Dalhousie University. Harold S. Davis, B.A., a distinguished honor graduate of Dalhousie has been appointed his assistant.

At a special convocation of Kings College in September honorary degrees were conferred on a number of distinguished visitors to the Church Congress recently held in Nova Scotia. The list included the Rt. Rev. A.F. Winnington Ingram, Lord Bishop of London; the Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, the Metropolitan of Canada; the Bishop of Washington, and other noted prelates. The degree of D.C.L. was conferred in absentia upon the Hon. Edward Lyttleton, headmaster of Eton College.

Northumberland County Teachers' Institute met in Newcastle, October 6th and 7th. The Albert County Institute will meet at Hopewell Cape, October 13th and 14th.

Mr. James McIntosh recently principal of the Blackville, Northumberland county school, has assumed the principalship of the Bathurst Village, N. B. superior school in place of Mr. P. Girdwood, resigned.

Mr. W. M. Crawford, of Debec, Carleton county, died recently at Saskatoon. He had taught school in New Brunswick previous to entering Queens University, Kingston, from which he graduated last spring. During his college vacation he taught school in Rostown, Sask. He was in the 29th year of his age and was a young man of much promise.

Miss A. E. McLeod, of Scotsburn, Pictou county, has accepted the position of principal of the Guysboro Academy.

Principal Lelacheur, of the Hillsboro Consolidated School, P. E. Island, has returned to Macdonald college to finish his course. Vice-principal Crockett succeeds him at Hillsboro.

Mr. T. H. Spinney has resigned the principalship of the Lawrencetown, N. S. schools, and has become principal of the Round Hill, Annapolis county school.

The Nova Scotia Normal College opened at Truro in September with over 150 students.