

Jonah, B. A.; How the School Trustee May Promote the Better Education of the Farmer, by O. W. Wetmore; and Farm Book-keeping, by G. G. Scovil.

At the last session which convened at 2 p. m., September 30th, Mr. Norman J. Fraser, B. A., read a paper on Fall Plants, and Mr. Charles Wetmore taught a lesson on Commercial Geography. The work of the Institute was next summed up in a very neat address by Miss Clara Hay, of the Sussex high school.

The following officers were elected: President, J. B. DeLong, B. A., Hampton; Vice-President, Frank Blake, Norton; Secretary-Treasurer, W. N. Biggar, Sussex; Additional Members of Executive, Miss Hattie McMurray, Rothesay; and Miss Clara Hay, Sussex. The next session will be held at Hampton.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The thirty-third annual session of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute was held in Newcastle, Thursday and Friday, with President B. P. Steeves in the chair. In his opening address Principal Steeves pointed out that there were two movements above all others conspicuous in American schools. The tendency to emphasize study of practical subjects and the tendency to give language the most prominent place in all grades. Inspector G. W. Mersereau considered practical subjects most beneficial. Many subjects must be combined or correlated. He believed that Latin, algebra, etc., should be eliminated from the common school grades and their study begun in the high school. The three evils of our school are: Cigarettes, the penny novels and the moving pictures. Mr. Mersereau advanced many practical suggestions. He said that the present day scholars cannot think as pupils of the last generation could. There may be too many subjects. But what is taught, teach well.

In the course of a scholarly paper on expression, Principal C. J. Mersereau, B. A., spoke of certain faults and their remedies, such as crudeness of expression found in advanced grades, faulty articulation, monotonous tone, faulty co-ordination and subordination of clauses, lack of vividness and originality in expression.

Principal H. H. Stuart read an important paper on Ways and Means of Improving our Educational System, making the following recommendations among others—that provision be made for backward pupils, that manual training be made compulsory, that all schools should be graded, that no class lower than second should be licensed, and that the teachers' position should be made permanent. Miss Marion Fraser read an interesting paper on Life and Methods of Pestalozzi.

At Friday forenoon's session Prof. Hagerman, of the Normal school, treated the subject of drawing.

He said that the subject must be taught—that the pupils could not be left to learn it from books or models, but must be taught to draw by the teacher—the teacher must draw in the presence of the children. Any teacher, he held, could learn enough drawing to do this. He traced the process step by step, showing how to use the books and models. Drawing, he said, is a child's natural expression, and copying at the beginning is fatal to the development of the learner's success in drawing. The child should draw dogs, cats, anything and everything, in its own way, so as to acquire facility with the pencil. When it finds itself, recognizes the crudity of its efforts and becomes dissatisfied with them, then teach it to draw carefully. Set it to drawing triangles, squares, circles, and more complicated figures till hand and eye become trained to accuracy.

In the afternoon an excellent paper on school management was read by Miss Mabel McGregor, of Newcastle. The writer and Inspector Mersereau condemned corporal punishment in school as wholly unnecessary, especially for pupils properly controlled at home.

Resolutions were adopted: In favor of consolidating rural schools wherever practicable; commending manual training, school gardening and household science; and asking that attendance be made compulsory for all schools, instead of its being left optional as at present.

Officers were elected as follows: C. J. Mersereau, President; Miss Jessie Fowle, Vice-President; H. H. Stuart, Secretary; Norman Cass and Miss Mabel McGregor, additional members of Executive.

ALBERT COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Albert County Teachers' Institute was held at Hopewell Cape, October 13th and 14th. Thirty-one teachers were enrolled. After the enrolment President Colpitts opened the Institute with a very excellent address, in which he extended a hearty welcome to Dr. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education and the new teachers who had come into the county. He strongly advised the teachers to keep abreast of the times by reading the best obtainable books, papers, etc.

Mr. Colpitt's address was followed by a few remarks from Inspector O'Blanes, after which Dr. Carter addressed the Institute. He regretted the constant change of teachers, also the exodus of teachers to the West, and appealed to the teachers to remain in their own Province.

A very excellent paper was read on Physical Drill, by A. J. Kelly, who showed a close study of his subject, and gave a practical demonstration of the teaching of the drill. A paper on Literature, by G. J. Marr, Principal of the Hillsboro high school, was full of most helpful suggestions, which, if followed out would undoubtedly lead to a keener