

Capt. J. A. Beattie, B.A., Special Agent for Consolidation of Schools, went with the 1st Contingent as Chaplain. At a recent inspection of the troops on Salisbury Plains by King George and Queen Mary, he was honoured as being specially requested to be presented to their Majesties.

J. Palmer, of the Manual Training Staff of the City of Winnipeg, has joined the forces of the 2nd Contingent. Mr. Palmer saw service in the Boer War as a member of Lord Roberts' advance guard.

SCHOOL GARDENING.—There has been a great increase in the amount of School Gardening done this year. Over 400 schools have thus far been reported as having conducted gardens to the best of their ability, under existing conditions. The Director of School Gardening during the year has distributed the following material: (1) 600 grain germination testers; (2) 130 egg-testers; (3) 4415 packets of various grain seeds; (4) 1054 parcels of pure seed potatoes; (5) 8400 packets of vegetable and flower seeds; (6) 60 lbs. alfalfa seed; (7) 12,000 seedlings for wind-breaks; (8) 5264 ornamental shrubs; (9) 618 perennial roots; (10) 7000 flowering bulbs.

Upwards of forty Rural School Fairs have been held in Manitoba this year, including exhibits from about 130 schools. There were entries from upwards of 3000 children, and the attendance of parents and those interested has been approximately estimated at 12,000. The material exhibited differed widely, but generally included vegetables, flowers, grains, wood-work, sewing, cooking, collections of weeds, insects, weed seeds, compositions, maps, writing, etc. There were special agricultural exhibits at many fairs of poultry, potatoes, fodder-corn, and of pigs at a few places. In connection with some School Fairs, sports were held during the day, and a concert given in the evening. This is becoming "The Municipal School Day" in many parts of Manitoba.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Gloucester County Teachers' Institute convened at Caraquet, October 29th and 30th. A good programme was provided. There were papers on "Seat Work", by Miss Emma C. A. Stout; "Leçon de Lecture Française", Miss Hélène Delagarde; "L'Enseignement Bilingue", Miss Marie M. Landry; "Geography", Miss Theresa Melanson; "Leçon de Grammaire Française", Miss Eugénie Haché; "L'Agriculture: sa place dans nos écoles", J. Edouard Degrace; "English Composition", F. A. Hourihan, B.A.; "Le Développement Intellectuel de L'enfant: la manière de procéder", M. J. S. Savoie. A Public Meeting was held on the evening of the 29th at which addresses on educational subjects were given by Inspector J. F. Doucet, and others.