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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Miss Billie Wright who has been teacher of the Primary Department for two years will be principal of the Sackville Upper School next year.

One hundred and fifteen students took the Normal School entrance examinations at Fredericton, thirty for first class, seventy-five for second class and ten for third. Seven took superior, twenty-two matriculation and three high school leaving. The examinations were held at fifteen centres throughout the province and the total number was 1,100, 218 males and 882 females. In St. John, 135 took the entrance examinations, fifty-nine writing superior, seventy-two matriculation and twenty-three high school leaving.

It is understood that a new technical school is to be built in Hamilton, Ontario, in the near future.

Toronto was the first city in Canada and the second city in the world to make the kindergarten an organized part of the Public school system. It was first started here in 1881. From three schools in 1883, the number has increased to ninety-five. There were twelve teachers in 1844. There are now 1,536, of whom 196 are kindergartners. The attendance at the schools in 1844 was only 1,194. In 1900 it had risen to 35,960. It now stands in the neighborhood of 64,000.

The results of the final examination of the Normal schools at Hamilton, London, North Bay, Peterboro, Stratford and Toronto, show the names of 1,040 students to have been successful. These students will be furnished with their certificates, giving them the privilege of teaching in the public

schools. The examinations were held from May 30 to June 7.

The Defence Councils on Universities and Colleges began a week's conference with five representatives of the educational system of Canada, at Washington, July 3, who went there by invitation to give American institutions advice in marshalling educational resources for war service.

The visiting Canadians, who went with the approval of the Canadian Government, were Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto; Dr. Marshall Torry, President of the University of Alberta; Dr. Stanley McKenzie, President of Dalhousie University; Dean Frank J. Adams of McGill University, and Captain W. H. Alexander of the Canadian army.

Among other things the conferees considered was to what extent technical students and instructors should be released from educational institutions for military service, how educational courses can best be adapted to immediate war needs, and how students can best be employed to promote food production.

When the estimates for the educational department were under consideration in the Legislature on June 19. Mr. Magee of Westmorland delivered a strong speech on behalf of technical education. He emphasized the importance of the subject and after pointing to what had been done in Nova Scotia, strongly urged the Government to give serious attention to this important question.

Compared with the period of Confederation the number of schools in Canada has increased from about 10,000 to over 26,000, the number of teachers from some 11,000 to over 39,000, the number of pupils from 664,000 to 1,327,000