

tending to promote and encourage the higher education and at the same time providing aspiring students at law with a strong and worthy incentive to make themselves thoroughly masters of the grand principles of their profession.

"In order to secure the requisite number of papers for the examinations, it is essential that the Senate of the University of London, should be informed, not later than the 1st of May in each year at what centres in the Dominion candidates will present themselves for the first and second examinations in laws. Candidates in this Province are therefore enjoined to signify their intentions to the Chief Superintendent of Education in time for transmission of the necessary information through the Colonial Office to London not later than the dates above prescribed. Fredericton is the station of examination in the Provinces of New Brunswick."

Then follow detailed regulations for the Matriculation Examinations, the First and Second B.A. Pass Examinations, and the First and Second LL.B. Pass Examinations, specifying the times and subjects of each examination, etc.

Within the past month the Board of Education also published the course of instruction prescribed for the Normal School, which was put in operation in its present form last May. This course extends over three sessions of about five months each, and appears to be somewhat exceptional in the soundness of the principles exemplified in the selection and arrangement of subjects.

At the close of the examinations for school licenses, held at Fredericton in September last, the Chief Superintendent was led to believe that several of the candidates had been guilty of fraudulently opening sealed envelopes, removing papers contained in them and substituting others, and that some had even entered the Normal School at night, through a window, for the purpose of gaining access to the papers. Prompt measures were taken to gain all possible information respecting the affair. Subsequently an investigation was held before a committee of the Board of Education, and the persons accused, together with a number of witnesses, were summoned from different parts of the Province to give evidence. The result was that the Board cancelled the licenses of five young men who had been student-teachers the past term. They also ordered that the offenders should not be admitted to the privileges of study at the Normal School, nor to any examination for license, for a period ranging from one year to four years, according to the nature of the offence—and not even at the expiration of the period specified unless by special permission of the Board of Education, upon satisfying the Board that the person was worthy of renewed confidence. One of the persons concerned in the fraud, who held already a second-class license, was degraded to the third-class, because of his attempt to deceive the Chief Superintendent in his reply to the circular sent out to all the candidates. So shameful a breach of faith in connection with the examinations is probably unprecedented in the educational history of this Province. The leading facts of the case, and the judgment of the Board, were formally announced by the Chief Superintendent to the students and teachers assembled in the hall of the Normal School.

Writers in some of the St. John papers have been directing attention to the need of a technical school in that city for the training of skilled artisans. It has been suggested that the society called the Mechanics' Institute, which now possesses a small library and museum, might, with the assistance of the Government, do something to promote the establishment of so valuable an institution. This is a move in the right direction.

The French Preparatory Department of the Normal School was opened at the beginning of December, under the charge of Mr. Valentine A. Landry. There are ten French students in attendance, three of whom are taking the full course.

During the first week of December, Dr. Armstrong, of Queen's County, the author of an improved system of short-hand, which he calls "Linear Phonography," introduced his system to the student-teachers at the Normal School, and formed a class numbering about 120, to whom he imparted a knowledge of the subject in a course of six lessons. The leading peculiarities of his system are that the vowels and not the consonants constitute the basis of the word-forms, and that the writing of every word is continuous, without any lifting of the pen to insert dots or other marks.

Speaking of phonography suggests the fact that Prof. Burwash, of Mt. Allison College, Sackville, has been delivering at several places a lecture on "Sound," illustrated by the phonograph and the telephone. The learned professor is a lecturer of marked ability.

The present Principal of the High School at St. Stephen is Mr. Arthur Freezo, A.B., who has supplemented his collegiate training at the N. B. University by a considerable period of study at Edinburgh and on the continent of Europe. He had previously been engaged in teaching for some years. Mr. C. B. Wathon is the second teacher.

The King's County Teachers' Institute met at Sussex on the 19th and 20th December. Over 500 teachers were in attendance. S. F. Wilson, A.B., was elected President; Jas. Maco, A.B., Vice-President, and H. Raymond, A.B., Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Band, the Chief Superintendent, delivered a lecture, and otherwise added interest to the session. Practical instructions in reading and vocal exercises were given by Miss M. A. Clark, instructor in those subjects at the Provincial Normal School.

Professor Foster, on closing his labours at the University, was presented by the students with a gold chain and seal, accompanied with an address.

The Westmoreland County Institute is to meet at Shediac on the 13th of February.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Educational Institute for the Province was appointed for the 3rd inst., when arrangements were to be made for the next annual meeting.

It was announced some months ago that a revised edition of Calkin's "School Geography of the World," was in preparation for the schools of New Brunswick. A new edition has recently appeared, with some improvements in the maps, such as the insertion of coloured county-lines in the British Isles, the new Provinces and territories in the far west of Canada, the alterations in south-eastern Europe, as made by the Treaty of Berlin, etc. The errors in the text and many in the maps remain, however, uncorrected. Though the map of the Dominion has been altered, the new and enlarged western boundary of Ontario is not shown. The revised edition may still be looked for, in which the introductory chapter on New Brunswick will probably be omitted, and the whole of the text brought up to "latest advices."

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The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Education was held on 5th December, at which steps were taken for securing offices for the Superintendent, and a room for meetings of the Board of Education. A committee on legislation was appointed, consisting of His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, the Rev. James Robertson, the Superintendent of Protestant Schools, and Mr. E. W. Jarvis.

The University Council, . . . p.m. of that day, in the Council Chamber, Winnipeg, the Hon. J. Royal, the Vice-Chancellor, presiding. Eighteen members of the Council were present. Communications were received stating that Rev. J. Robertson and Mr. D. Macarthur had been appointed as new representatives from Manitoba College, and Rev. Mr. Chevrier from the Roman Catholic section of the Board of Education. An application from Trinity Medical School, Toronto, for affiliation was received, and steps taken for its consideration. A committee consisting of Archbishop Tache, Canon O'Meara, Professor Bryce and the Registrar, was appointed to consider and report upon amendments to the University Act. The consideration of the proposed statute in Natural Science honors was begun, and after considerable discussion was referred back to the Board of Studies for further consideration. The following gentleman were appointed examiners for the ensuing year:—Classics—Rev. Professors Hart, Forget, and O'Meara. Mathematics.—The Chancellor Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, Rev. A. Campbell, Rev. Dr. Lavoie, and Mr. R. Bourne. Modern Languages.—Revs. Messrs. Hughes, Fortin, and Canon Guidall. Natural Science.—Revs. Professor Bryce, Chevrier, and Mr. Briggs. Metaphysics.—Rev. Mr. Cloutier, Mr. J. F. Bain, and Rev. J. Robertson.

The Registrar, Mr. E. W. Jarvis, was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Manitoba College held its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 11th.

Rev. Prof. Hart read the Senate Report. It showed among other things that one student of the College had during the past year passed the previous examination of the University of Manitoba; six others had passed the preliminary examination, two of whom had been granted a supplementary examination in mathematics; two students had completed their term in theology, one of whom had been advanced; the other is taking an extra session in Knox College, Toronto; one student had entered Victoria College, Cobourg, and one the Trinity Medical School, Toronto.