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NEW BRUNSWICK'S SCHOOLS.

The annual report of the Chief Superintendent of Education on the schools of New Brunswick, for the year 1908-9, has been presented to the Legislature. Mr. Carter is in the pleasing position of having to record during his first year of office, the best school year in the history of the province. His report on this account is of rather more than ordinary interest. He finds that there has been a most satisfactory increase in almost every particular, an increase of 39 schools during the first term and 87 during the second term; an increase of 41 teachers in the first term, and 51 in the second term; an increase of 2521 pupils for the first term and 1542 for the second term; an average daily attendance of 62.53 for the first term and 62.23 for the second term—the highest in the history of the province; an increased enrollment in the cities and towns notably in Fredericton, Moncton, Milltown, Campbellton, Newcastle, Sussex, St. Andrews, Sackville, St. George and Grand Falls and even greater attendance in the country districts; a small increase in the number of male teachers during the first term of the year, which, although less than desirable, has been very gratifying.

From the various detailed statements included in the report the following facts are learned. During the year a total of 1867 schools were in operation conducted by 1544 teachers and with a total attendance during the year of 67,745 pupils. The proportion of population at school was one in 5.81 during the second term. Of the pupils, 1082 were under six years of age, 57,478 were between six and fifteen years, and 2,490 were over fifteen years. The boys numbered 31,489 for the second term and the girls 36,256. The average daily attendance during the session was 44,092, an increase in the first term of 3,578. The number of pupils in high schools, that is in grades nine to twelve, increased during the year from 1,291 in 1908 to 2,102 in 1909.

Small decreases in attendance are noted in the cases of St. John, Woodstock, Chatham and several smaller centres. Of the total number of teachers during the year, 251 were males and 1,294 were females.

Superintendent Carter notes that while the supply of teachers during the past year has been better than for a few years previously, there has been a scarcity in the second term and more local licenses have been granted than is desirable particularly in the French districts. In the English districts the supply of teachers is not equal to the demand and much broken time is the result. The conduct of neglectful trustees in permitting schools to remain closed for one reason and another is condemned, as is also the false economy practiced by some districts quite able to engage qualified instructors.

In the report is included a statement showing the increase in the teachers' salaries during the past nine years, and while Mr. Carter notes that the average increase has been substantial, yet it is by no means as large as it should have been, nor have these increases been proportionate to the advances in the cost of living which are considered in all other professions. "It is imperative," says Mr. Carter, "that if the present standard of the teaching staff is to be maintained, better salaries must be paid, and this example should be set by the graded schools."

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From the summary of present grants for public school service, Mr. Carter finds that \$26,112.15 was disbursed by the education office during the year. He remarks that the amounts voted at annual school meetings would total \$239,061.37. On this he estimates the total expenditure for educational purposes in this province during the year at \$295,709.89. Mention is made of the establishment of school gardens at different places, the observance of Arbor Day, distribution of literature dealing with agricultural subjects, and of the steps taken looking towards the introduction of physical and military training in the public schools. Mr. Carter goes on record as being heartily in favor of physical training for both boys and girls and states that a marked improvement is already noticeable in the students of the Normal School, because of this training. In reviewing the reports received from the inspectors, Mr. Carter finds that five new school houses are reported in Inspector Hebert's district, six in Inspector Doucet's district, three in Inspector Llanos's and one in Inspector O'Brien's. New buildings are contemplated in Moncton and Woodstock and the Consolidated School at Kingston, to replace the one burned a short time ago will be in readiness at the beginning of the school year. The new buildings in St. John, Woodstock, Grand Falls and Rustico are spoken of as strictly up-to-date.

A local paper which is given to considerable self praise in the matter of circulation, admits the loss of more than one hundred subscribers during January. It may be mentioned that the Star has increased its circulation by between four hundred and five hundred during the past two months.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

HELPING THE OTHER FELLOW.
When I was a boy, a half-demented man (as he was thought to be) used to travel through our section of country every summer.

In November he disappeared and we would not see him until the last of the next May. Where he spent the late autumn, the winter and the early spring was a mystery.

One day I learned to expect his coming as regularly and surely as we did the coming of the birds, and he and the birds never disappointed us.

He was a man apparently on the shifting line of middle age, with a clean and neat. His clothes were old and patched, (he did it himself) but never ragged.

In spite of his work and his traveling in all kinds of weather, our wet, muddy roads, though they were clean and neat. His clothes were old and patched, (he did it himself) but never ragged.

That he was better born and better bred than we boys dreamed I know now as I remember his clean habits and his invariable courtesy to women. No matter how poor and lowly they were, he treated them as equals. He was a man of a certain color. His mouth was hidden by a beard but I am sure that the lips must have been sensitive and kind.

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He came to be known as the "Tin Cup Man" for he carried a number of half tin cups and when he came to a spring by the road side he would clean it out and hand up his cup. He went up one side of the river as far as Grand Falls. I think down to St. John. It would take him all summer, for not only did he clean out springs and hang up cups, but he would take out of the road the worst of the movable stones and sticks.

Fifty years ago robbing birds' nests, killing birds and cruelly to animals was not considered the sin it is today, and many a boy had his first lesson in kindness to animals from the "Tin Cup Man."

Life was especially fond of horses and dogs. As he would stroke them and pat them and I don't think a horse ever leered, or a dog ever growled at him. He was a man of a certain color. His mouth was hidden by a beard but I am sure that the lips must have been sensitive and kind.

Children trusted him and the little ones who were afraid of strangers went fearlessly to him for with their keen intuitions they knew he loved them.

The last summer he went through the country some one asked him why he went about cleaning out springs and hanging up cups for strangers to use who would never know him or thank him, and he reverently raised his hat and with a look and gesture the man never forgot, said: "A cup of cold water for Him."

Another asked him why he cleared out the stones of the road since it would not do him any good and he would not pass that way again. "But the other fellow will," he said.

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Have you ever noticed how unreasonably the man at the bottom of the ladder envies the man at the top? Not until success has been actually attained does the man appear at the top, and the consequence is that he gets credit for the step at the time climbing which has brought him there.

This, at any rate, is the experience of the Midland Vinegar Company of England, the manufacturers of V.P. Sauce. They are now at the top of the ladder—H. P. is an assured success—everybody who tastes it likes it, and recommends his friends to make a trial of it.

Amid the general buzz of success no one has leisure to imagine what a long time was given over by the Midland Vinegar Company to careful experimenting with different combinations of rich Oriental fruits and spices, before a perfectly delicious, rich, thick, fruity sauce like H. P. was arrived at and christened, and sent forth to win its way with the people. H. P. has been a success from the very first—but that is because its manufacturers climbed up to it a step at a time, and did not vault themselves as sauce manufacturers until they had a perfect sauce to talk about. You try H. P. You will like it—everybody does.

Add a teaspoonful of sugar of lead to the water in which fine silk hosiery is washed to prevent the delicate color from fading.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Please tell me how to make friends. I want to be friends with people, but somehow almost everybody thinks I am proud and haughty and really I am not at all," a little girl wrote me the other day.

And for her sake and the sake of any who may be in similar case with her I am going to quote a sentence of Emerson that I used the other day.

"The only way to make a friend is to be one."

When I hear people bewailing their inability to make friends readily I always think of that quotation and long to ask—

"You want to make friends, but are you ready first to be friends?"

Are YOU?

That you means anyone who does not make friends quite so readily as he would like.

When you meet new persons is your first thought to do something for them, to set them at ease, to be friendly towards them, or are you thinking about how you can make a good impression upon them?

An over eager desire to make friends almost always defeats itself.

Forget that you are trying to make your new acquaintance like you and concentrate on liking him and see if you do not find that you have made a friend.

I know that people are often unjustly stigmatized as being proud and haughty when they are merely different and self-conscious, just as the little girl who wrote to me undoubtedly is.

And I realize that difference and self-consciousness are hard to conquer because the more you think about trying not to be self-conscious the more self-conscious you always get.

But there is one perfectly good way to get over these big barriers to friendship, and that is to think so hard about other people that you won't have time or energy to think about yourself and how you are appearing.

If my little girl will try that rule for a time I am pretty sure that she will find that people will soon come to regard her as proud and haughty.

In speaking of a woman who, although extremely good and generous, somehow failed to make many friends, Alice Freeman Palmer explains the failure as the result of—

"An absence of heart culture; of that sunshine which melts its own way."

Many people who are not actively proud and haughty are passively at fault in that, like this woman, they lack "heart culture; that sunshine which melts its own way."

Do YOU?

Perhaps the people who feel that the world has not done their desire for friendship justice; who want more friends than they yet possess; who feel within themselves the possibility of being loved and loving more than they yet have, will do well to take the pledge of friendship that the great president of Wellesley College, whom I quote so much, made to herself—

"I will give all the years have brought to my own soul.

"God help me to give what He gave—myself—and help me to make that self worth something to somebody; teach me to love all as He has loved for the sake of the infinite possibilities locked up in every human soul."

Ruth Cameron

The Lighter Side of Life

AN INDIAN LOVE SONG.

Beautiful art thou, my little white dove.

Thou art very beautiful; Thou standest out from among women as the silver, satin birch stands out from among the dark spruce trees.

Thou art tall like the pines and supple like the willow, Oh, my little Manganis, Thy cheeks are soft as the gold moss in the autumn;

Thy lips are as wild poppies fully blown.

Thou art very beautiful. Thine eyes are like stars shining through the tamarac boughs.

And they have the depths of the little pools beneath the hemlock branches.

Oh, my little Manganis, Kathleen Murphy in Canadian Magazine.

HER CAREER.

"As I understand it they have lost their money, but all of the daughters are able to earn their own living save one who is most idle and incompetent. What will become of her?"

"She'll have to get married."

ELPHANT MEAT.

That people will eat elephant meat with a relish has been proved by a butcher in Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

His own profit and without the knowledge of his customers. This enterprising tradesman learned that a vicious elephant in the Ghent Zoological gardens was to be killed and made a bargain for the carcass. Within a few days that elephant was transformed into 3,800 pounds of sausage meat and every pound was disposed of at a good price.

Teacher—Jimmy, you look very pale this morning. Are you ill?

Jimmy—No, ma'am. Ma washed my face this morning here.

The tailor—Hip pockets? The customer—Yes.

The tailor—Are you small? The customer—Half-pints.

Mr. Blazer—Why did you kick that dog? He only snifed you.

Mr. Hootwaker—Well, yer didn't expect me to wait till he tasted me, did yer?

Store open till 11.30 p.m.

QUESTION OF SEX

"What is the difference between a fort and a fortress?"

The Other—"Don't know, unless it's more difficult to silence a fortress."

WHY HE LAUGHED.

The Grand Vizier approached the throne quaking with suppressed laughter.

"Contemptuous Cur of the Dog Star!" roared the Sultan, "why do you dare to bubble with unseemly mirth in my radiant presence?"

"I crave pardon, Most Enlightened of All Lights," replied the Grand Vizier. "I informed the ladies of the harem that you were going to behold them. They were terribly scared."

The Sultan laughed long and loud. He soon recovered his dignity, however, and ordered that the Grand Vizier be flogged.

"It isn't pleasant," he remarked, casually, "but I'm sick, and tired of these harem-scarem fellows."

Mrs. Stubb—I have been trying to teach that Chinese laundryman how to conduct business like an enlightened American.

Mr. Stubb—You must have succeeded, Maria. When I went down for my laundry he gave me a lead nickel in my change.

"You ought to figure out to a penny each month's income and expenditure," said the economist.

"Can't be done," replied Mr. Biggins. "My wife plays bridge."

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LAST WEEK OF FURNITURE SALE

The end of the February Furniture Sale is in sight. During the past three weeks saw many anxious shoppers taking advantage of our big reductions and also having their purchases stored until later on. By leaving a deposit we will store free of charge any quantity of furniture you wish to purchase.

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Hall Trees

11.00 Hat Trees now ... \$ 8.75
14.00 Hat Trees now ... 11.75
16.50 Hat Trees now ... 13.00

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A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Household : Hints

Sometimes it is quite impossible to make old glassware bright and clear. If strong ammonia is poured over it and it is then scrubbed well with a brush and rinsed in warm water it will, when dried, look quite as bright as one could wish.

A simple water icing for cakes is made by taking two cups of confectioners' sugar and adding enough water to make a thick paste. Then sprinkle in a pinch of cream of tartar. Beat well, and if not stiff enough, add a little more sugar. Flavor with any extract.

The cleaning of sauce-pans is very imperfectly understood in many houses. Each time a sauce-pan is used it should be put over a fire, filled with clear cold water to which has been added a little soda. Heat this, pour it out and scour the pan with soap and sand.

Tough steak should be chopped and mixed with diced potatoes and then baked. Grated cheese over this dish improves the flavor.

Four peppercorns, four cloves and one teaspoonful of mixed herbs are the proper flavoring for one quart of water for soup.

A saucer of baked beans can be heated with catsup in a pan and a spoonful on toasted crackers serves nicely for the noonday luncheon.

When next frying oysters, dip them first in mayonnaise and then in crumbs before immersing in the deep fat. They will be found delicious.

Wash the eyes soon with warm water, bathe them night and morning with a mild astringent, such as two grains of alum to two ounces of water.

Fashions and Fads

Materials offered for summer show a very riot of rich pastel coloring. A bright bow of velvet at the neck, either in contrast with or matching the suit and hat, will be worn this spring.

For evening, fewer jewels are seen, as the rich embroideries and spacings seem to be sufficiently brilliant by themselves.

Very pretty are the flowers of stiffened lace or great roses of gold or silver gauze, which are often the only trimming on the gown.

Many of the tailored suits have wide striped skirts for their linings. Colored linings are more in vogue than for some seasons past.

All the odd shapes that were used in 1908 and 1909 are to be permanently produced in linen and other washable materials for the coming summer.

On colored dresses, beads are usually of the same color as the material, the different shapes and sizes lending variety to the ensemble.

Skating costumes entirely of broad-tail, seal or jaunty little Russian pony coats with velvet skirts, the latter very short, are the thing.

There is every reason to believe that black, footless hose is to be permanently modish this spring, and even in the ball room black is worn in many cases.

With the return to favor of the three-quarter and elbow length sleeves, which are prominent on the new spring modes, the long glove will again be worn.

Rev. W. W. Brewer, who speaks in Centenary Church at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening, will speak in the Every Day Club at 8.30, on his experience in social work among men in various cities.

Manager Anderson of the Opera House received a telegram this morning to the effect that George P. Huntley, with his original English burlesques, sixty, in all, direct from London, will arrive here to begin a three days' engagement on February 25th. The musical comedy will be "Kitty Gray."

The Royal Chef, which was to have opened on Friday, Feb. 25th will follow the Huntley Company, appearing for the last three nights of the same week.

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