

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

On Thursday, September 25, the Teacher's Institute for the county of Restigouche met at Campbellton, with thirty-eight members present, and the President, Mr. James B. Carr, in the chair. Addresses were made by the Chief Superintendent of Education, Inspector Mersereau, Mr. Fletcher Peacock, Director of Manual Training, and others. At the afternoon session a clear and forcible address on Manual Training was given by Director Peacock, and a Paper, "How to Teach Children to Solve Arithmetical Problems," by Miss K. McNair.

Mayor A. A. Andrew opened the evening meeting in the Assembly Hall in well chosen words. The address of welcome was given by Mr. A. E. G. MacKenzie, and a programme of speeches and music was carried out.

On Friday morning a paper, "Talks for Beginners," was read by Mr. L. D. Jones, and one on geography by Mr. George King. These were followed by discussions. At the Friday afternoon session Spelling was the subject under consideration. Miss Sarah Duffy read a paper on "Best Methods of Teaching Spelling in the Primary Grades," and "Spelling in Advanced Grades" was dealt with by Miss Jessie W. Currie, B.A.

A resolution was passed that the Restigouche County Institute should hereafter meet once in two years, alternating with the meetings of the Provincial Institute. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President Mr. L. D. Jones, Vice-President, Miss K. McNair; Sec.-Treas., Miss Jennie B. Carter; Additional Members of Executive, Miss Emma Harquail, Miss Annie MacInerney.

The visiting teachers had an opportunity to see the work done by the Campbellton Cadet Corps, who were drilled on the School ground under charge of Cadet Captain Gray.

On Thursday afternoon, by the kindness of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Institute were taken in motors to Morrissey Rock. The weather was glorious and the scenery, beautiful at all times, was exceptionally so because of the brilliant colour of the autumn foliage.

The Institute was voted a success. The tactful genial manner of Inspector Mersereau, and the kindly, encouraging, thoroughly practical talks of Chief Superintendent Carter gave a great stimulus to the work.

The twenty-ninth session of the Charlotte County Teacher's Institute opened at St. George on Thursday, October 10, at ten a. m., when the chair was taken by the President, Miss Emma L. Veazey, of St. Stephen. After the appointment of committees, the President read an interesting address. She spoke of the loss to New Brunswick

incurred by the increasing movement to the West, and urged the teachers to be more optimistic about their own province and to look for the best opportunities here. She spoke of the advantages of the Summer School of Science, and of the creditable showing made by Charlotte County teachers who attended the school. Chief Superintendent Carter, in his address, held out the hope that teachers' salaries would be increased, and advised the teachers to see that they deserved good salaries, and to set a fair value upon their services. Other points dwelt upon by Dr. Carter were:—The demand for vocational training, the advance already made in agricultural education and in physical training, the desirability of music in the schools, the importance of sanitary conditions in the school-room. He complimented Charlotte County upon the excellence of their school buildings.

Addresses were given by Inspector McLean and Mr. R. P. Steeves, after which Mr. W. McL. Barker, Principal of the St. George School, read an excellent paper on English Composition, insisting especially on the need for much practice in oral composition. This paper excited much interest and was discussed by Mr. Denham, Dr. Carter, Miss Eleanor Robinson, and others. Mr. W. T. Denham, Principal of the Milltown Schools, read a paper on Arithmetic in our Schools. Mr. Denham was very definite, taking up the course in Arithmetic point by point, and describing his method of dealing with each. He gave some general suggestions about the time to be given to the subject, advising not less than one hour every day, and that hour to be in the morning, when the mind was freshest. A good deal of discussion followed this paper, Mr. Barker and Mr. Higgins debating some of Mr. Denham's points. Dr. Carter thought that some of the arithmetic rules and exercises in the books might be dropped with advantage. Mr. Barker suggested dropping specific gravity.

In the afternoon Miss Annie L. Richardson, of St. Andrews, read an admirably useful paper on the Teaching of Geography in Grades VI, VII and VIII. As this paper will be published in whole or in part in a later issue of the REVIEW, we shall not comment further except to say that it won appreciation and approval from all who heard it.

At the public meeting in the evening Coutts' Hall was crowded. Mayor McGrattan, in a short and cordial speech, welcomed the members of the Institute, and said that if they had good schools at St. George, he believed it was due to the policy of the Trustees, who believed in engaging the best teachers, regardless of expense, and leaving them to act according to their own judgment. Senator Gilmor and Inspector McLean both spoke briefly, and Director Steeves put before the meeting the case for Agricultural Education. Mr. Peacock, Director of Manual Training, gave an able speech on Manual Training and Household Science, stating concisely the conclusions arrived at in the