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and Mr. F. O. Sullivan, of the high school, were increased \$100 each.

Among the recipients of the honorary degree of LL. D. at McGill this year is Mr. Martin J. Griffin, C. M. G., the librarian of Parliament, Ottawa. Mr. Griffin is a native of Halifax.

Mr. R. W. Boyle, a native of Newfoundland, demonstrator in physics at McGill University, Montreal, has won His Majesty's Science Research Scholarship of the annual value of £150 sterling, tenable for two years.

Miss E. Iva Yerxa, for the past seven years a teacher in South Africa, has returned to her home in New Brunswick.

"Some children from the town picking Mayflowers at Arcadia in the rear of the schoolhouse on Wednesday afternoon, started a fire in the grass. The flames caught in the big spruce trees, which were destroyed, and sparks set the roof of the schoolhouse on fire. Neighbours raised ladders and succeeded in putting out the fire before much damage was done. Had it not been discovered just as it was in a few minutes, the fire would have been beyond control."-Yarmouth Telegram.

Teachers and parents cannot too urgently impress on children the dangers of setting fire to the dry grass in early spring. Such a fire, fanned by a strong wind, may soon get beyond control.

Vancouver city is putting up a fine normal school building. Hitherto the school has had its quarters in the high school building.

The third Annual Playground Congress will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., May 11-14. Emphasis will be laid on exhibition features, in which will be shown winter activities for the all-year work of children's playgrounds, such as dramatics, music, folk dancing and games, etc. The Annual Playground Association of America has for its worthy object the utilizing of all means of recreation that will have a bearing on the welfare and happiness of children.

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