

# The Provincial Educational Association of Nova Scotia

WILL MEET AT THE

HALIFAX ACADEMY, HALIFAX,

September 25th, 26th, 27th.

There will be three morning sessions and one or two evening sessions. Much time will be devoted to

## Discussion on the Adjustments of the Course of Study Demanded by Modern Conditions

THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE will receive special attention in discussing the Report of the Committee on High Schools and Colleges.

There will be no afternoon sessions, so that members may be free to study the Natural History and Industrial Products of the Dominion at the Dominion Exhibition, which will be open at that time.

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who belong to the Greek church resist the claim, so far as it affects residents who are of Roumanian or Bulgarian nationality. Roumania is too far away for active interference; but bands of armed Greeks and Bulgarians are supporting claims of their respective partisans, while the Turkish government seems quite willing to let them fight it out among themselves, and declines to interfere.

A new metal, tantalite, is said to be so hard that a diamond drill makes no impression on it.

Farm laborers from the United States are flocking into Western Canada. They are all needed to harvest the abundant crops.

Wellman, the Chicago explorer who had planned to start for the North Pole in a dirigible balloon, has abandoned his purpose for the present.

Now that Jews are again permitted to settle in Palestine, a large influx from Russia and the Balkan States has begun. The immigrants are taking up land chiefly on the east of the Jordan, and finding it rich and productive.

A new constitution for the Transvaal gives equal rights to Boers and Britons. Either the English or Dutch language may be used in the transaction of public business.

An earthquake as great as that of San Francisco, and with hardly less appalling results, has visited the Pacific coast of South America. Half the city of Valparaiso, is in ruins, and many smaller towns have suffered severely. Valparaiso, with a population of 160,000, was the chief seaport on the coast, and the terminus of important lines of steamers. The Chilean government took immediate steps for the relief of the inhabitants, placing Valparaiso under military rule, and authorizing the provincial governors to expend all the public money needed for relief work in their several districts. The cold of midwinter adds to the sufferings of the homeless people.

Will the name of Acadia be restored to our maps? The Maritime Board of Trade has again passed a resolution in favor of the union of the provinces that once bore that name.

A number of mines in the Kootenay region of British Columbia which were abandoned as unprofitable, will resume operations this year, owing to the increased price of metals and the decreasing cost of mining and smelting.

It is now proposed to connect Newfoundland with Canada by a railway tunnel under the Strait of Belleisle.

Persia is to have a national assembly, for the first time in its history. It will meet at Teheran, and will have control of all civil laws, which will become effective on receiving the signature of the Shah.

A method of tempering gold has recently been discovered, and this metal will probably be used for surgical instruments, because of its being non-corrosive.

It may be possible to predict earthquakes as surely as we can now foretell storms. The recent South American earthquake had been foretold by scientists some days before it occurred.

The Dowager Empress of China has called a convention to formulate plans for a constitutional government.

Newspapers in the United States, as well as elsewhere, are suggesting the possibility that the insurrection in Cuba may be made the occasion of intervention and the ultimate annexation of the island by the United States. To this neither party in Cuba would willingly submit; for the unfortunate inhabitants of Porto Rico have found that they are worse off under the government of the United States, of which that island is now a part, than they were when it formed a part of the Kingdom of Spain.