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**A School Camp.**

As the late encampment of the St. John grammar school cadets has awakened some public attention, a few words about it may not be out of place. The idea of holding a summer camp originated at an outing of the teachers and scholars on Arbor day. The happy selection of the grounds was owing to Dr. Hetherington. The corps marched out on Tuesday, 17th of July, and returned on Saturday the 28th. The weather throughout the twelve days during which the party, numbering about fifty-five persons, were under canvas, was delightful—the officers' mess being held in the open air except for one meal.

On arrival the corps found their tents already pitched, and were assigned to their respective places, averaging (for the boys), six to a tent, and for the officers, three. The first few days passed quickly by, being employed in drill, physical exercises, fatigue parties for wood and water, swimming, base ball, botanical excursions and cutting spruce for strewing the floor of the tents—the evenings being pleasantly passed in music, fun, readings and recitations, in a fine marquee spacious enough to hold the whole number. The health of the boys was so excellent that Dr. Fritz, finding his office as medical attendant a mere sinecure, omitted, at last, to put in an appearance. The city superintendent had an easy task in raising public subscriptions for the prizes in the final athletic contests. On Saturday the camp was visited by Colonel Tucker, Colonel Domville, Major Armstrong, and others, who saw a satisfactory exhibition of the drill and physical exercises. The next day, Sunday, was a gala day. Between three and four hundred persons attended the two services; that in the morning being held by Rev. W. Mathers, who gave the boys an excellent address from Ecclesiastes xi. 9, and that in the afternoon by Rev. Dr. Carey and Rev. Mr. Champion. Dr. Carey gave a noble discourse from Hebrews xii. 2, "Looking unto Jesus." On Tuesday the school trustees paid the boys a visit, and expressed themselves delighted at the success of the experiment and their fine appearance. The next day the corps was inspected by Colonel Maunsel, D. A. G., and staff, and went through the evolutions with fine precision, gaining hearty compliments from the D. A. G. Friday brought out His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and suite, accompanied by a great crowd from the city. Gov. Fraser, in reply to a short address from the corps, congratulated the boys on the opportunities the youth of the present can enjoy, as compared with those of the past, before the advantages of the free school system were available. His Honor stayed awhile to witness the opening games, which occupied the rest of the day, and

all of Saturday till the tents were struck. Dr. Hetherington then presented a fine Union Jack to the cadets. The greatest part of the success of the camp was due to the efforts of Sergeants Polkinghorn and Edwards, who assisted the teachers with their technical knowledge in the most zealous manner, and made their task comparatively easy. The prevalent feeling of the boys was excellent.

It would be short-sighted policy to let the matter end here. The encampment should be annual and include the entire school. The efficiency obtained in the exercises should be kept up by frequent practice, and the public sympathy now so plainly elicited should be utilized in some such way as in founding an alumni society of those who have passed through this important school, for the purpose of stimulating and helping future pupils in their further improvement, and perhaps of giving them some assistance at college when necessary. In this way better days may be had for the grammar school and the youth of the city.

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**Summer School of Science.**

The eighth annual meeting of the Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada was held in Charlottetown, P. E. Island, July 4th to 19th inclusive. This session, although not quite equal in numbers to that held in Sackville last year, yet in interest shown by students and work accomplished it was second to none in the history of the school. The Summer School of Science is now an established institution of the Maritime Provinces, and the board of managers are determined that each year shall see some advance made in the work of the school. P. E. Island has cast in allegiance with the school, and each succeeding year will see a quota from the garden province of the Gulf in attendance. The work of the school, aiding as it does teachers in their work and pupils in their studies, justifies the continued support of all interested in the progress of education.

The several sessions of the school since its organization were as follows:

Date.	Place.	President.	Sec'y.	No. enrolled.
1887	Wolfville.	Dr. A. H. McKay.	H. S. Congdon.	45
1888	Pictou.	"	Dr. J. B. Hall.	63
1889	Parrsboro.	Prof. Frank Eaton.	"	92
1890	"	"	Sup'or McKay.	61
1891	Antigonish.	Supervisor McKay.	W. T. Kennedy.	43
1892	St. John.	G. U. Hay, Ph. B.	"	59
1893	Sackville.	Dr. J. B. Hall.	"	105
1894	Charlottetown.	Prof. W. W. Andrews, M. A.	J. D. Seaman.	98

The next session will be held in Amherst, N. S.

The attendance at the Charlottetown session was above the average. The classes were well filled. Enthusiasm in the work was sustained till the close of the session. With but little apparatus on hand for the prosecution of scientific work, the instructors went to work with characteristic enthusiasm and