

Collier, Esq., Director in P. E. I. of the MacDonald Normal Training Schools, on "Normal Training in P. E. Island—Present Condition and Future Outlook."

President W. D. McIntyre, in his opening address, referred to the changes of the year, which had brought to the world a new century, to the British Empire a new sovereign, and to the Province of P. E. I. a new Superintendent of Education in the person of Dr. Anderson, who for many years so ably conducted the Prince of Wales College, and whose enthusiastic work in the cause of education gave promise of good things educationally for P. E. Island.

Resolutions recommending the following were unanimously adopted, viz.: That midsummer holidays be made obligatory throughout the province; That the Government be petitioned to give support and recognition to the Summer School of Science for the Maritime Provinces of Canada; That teachers, attending the Summer School of Science, be given an additional week's holidays; That the age at which female teachers may be licensed to be made 18 years instead of 16 years.

Kent County Institute.

The Kent County teachers met in the Superior school, Harcourt, on Thursday and Friday, October 3rd and 4th, Principal Geo. A. Coates, of the Superior school, Buctouche, presiding. The people of Harcourt showed their interest by entertaining the visiting teachers, by their presence at the sessions of the institute, and by attending a very enthusiastic and well conducted public meeting on Thursday evening. Much credit is due to the Trustees, Messrs. Dunn and Delaney, to Miss Miriam Kyle, and her associate teacher, Miss Minnie Buckley, and others, for the local arrangements which contributed to make this institute one of the most-successful ever held in the county. Papers were read by Miss M. Mazeroll, on School Government; Mr. A. E. Pearson, on Everybody and the School; Mr. Charles Richards, on History, and Mr. G. U. Hay, on Nature Study. An excellent lesson on grammar was given to a class of Grade 7 pupils, by Miss Miriam Kyle, and President Coates introduced the subject of The Teacher in a practical address. The discussion of the subjects and papers throughout the meeting was marked by earnestness and directness that speaks well for the teaching spirit in the county.

York, Queens and Sunbury Institute.

A meeting of the united institutes of York, Queens and Sunbury was held at Fredericton on the 19th and 20th of September. The enrolment of teachers showed 119 present from York County and 46 from Queens

and Sunbury. At the first session each institute met for organization, with President O'Brien, of York, and President Mitchell, of the Queens and Sunbury Institute.

President O'Brien before the united institute read a suggestive paper, in which he advocated the formation of a teachers' union, and pointed out the need of a law for compulsory attendance at schools. Miss Maggie Parker read a paper on The Defects of the District School, dealing with some of the difficulties met with. An interesting discussion followed, during which parish school boards and centralization of schools were favored, and the practice of teachers underbidding each other to gain positions was strongly condemned.

Papers were read by the Rev. Mr. Harvey and Rev. Mr. Ross. By invitation of Chancellor Harrison, the last session of the institute was held in the University library, which has recently been enlarged and improved. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: For York County—President, J. Hughes; Vice-President, Miss Maggie Parker; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Thorne. Additional members of Executive, Messrs. Foster, Mills, Sanson. For Queens and Sunbury: President, D. L. Mitchell; Vice-President, Miss Hoar; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Purdy; Members of Executive, Messrs. Stephenson and Johnson, and Miss Flora White.

Charlotte County Institute.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Charlotte County Teachers' Institute met in St. Stephen on the last Thursday and Friday in September. Mrs. Irving R. Todd, of the Milltown School Board, presided in the absence of the president, Mr. W. M. Veazey. The total enrolment was 113 out of a possible of about 120—the total number of teachers in the county. This justified the remark of Inspector Carter, that the Charlotte County Institute was the best attended in the province. Papers and addresses were given as follows: The president's address (read by the secretary); Prof. E. E. MacCready, of the MacDonald Manual Training School, Fredericton; J. A. Allen, B.A., of St. Andrews, a paper on literature; one on home study and over-pressure in schools, prepared by Mrs. Samuel Johnson, St. George, was read by Mrs. W. J. Graham, Milltown; a paper on school libraries was read by Mr. J. Vroom; and an address on drawing by Mr. F. O. Sullivan. The subject of nature study occupied the attention of the institute on Friday afternoon. Papers were read by G. U. Hay, P. G. McFarlane, and an address given by Dr. L. W. Bailey.

The public meeting on Tuesday evening was presided over by J. D. Chipman, of the St. Stephen school board.