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## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Reports from travelling teachers relative to school improvement are very gratifying. Extracts from preliminary reports are given in this issue of the Bulletin. Later reports are too long to reproduce. They include, however, such commendable items as, establishing or adding to libraries; establishing a library corner, with table, books and magazines; providing hot noon lunch, sanitary drinking fountains, individual towels and drinking cups; installing such equipment as wash basins, antiseptic soap, dustbane for sweeping, stove polish, window shades and curtains, bulletin board, pictures, stencils, pencil sharpeners, waste baskets and chairs. In one section, windows were made to open from the top.

Besides the foregoing, trustees made many improvements that otherwise would have waited another year or two. Among these were shingling, painting, laying new floors, supplying new blackboards, maps, globes and dictionaries. Doors, windows and walls were repaired and school rooms were generally cleaned. Gardens were planned and fences repaired. Best of all, people became interested in their school.

In a number of cases, the Women's Institutes helped materially. Particularly helpful were they in Upper North Sydney and in Southampton, (Cumberland County).

Thru entertainments and socials one school raised \$158, another \$116; each of four others \$100 and several schools raised sums ranging from \$50 to \$80. All this goes to show that "where there's a will, there's a way."

## UNION BANK LOANS.

To enable school children of Colchester County to become young business people, the Truro branch of the Union Bank will loan any sum up to \$25.00 for the purchase of young pigs, sitting of eggs, or other productive farm venture. The child must give reasonable security, and will be expected to pay off the loan when his farm animals or garden crops are marketed at the end of the year.

This offer is in keeping with the general policy of the bank elsewhere. Other banks frequently make similar offers in other localities. It is a business offer, and brings mutual benefits. The bank thus makes new business and the school child gets a business training and a business start that might otherwise be denied. Teachers will do well to bring this matter before their pupils, have it discussed at home and then communicate with the Manager of the Union Bank at Truro.

## OUR LIBRARY CORNER.

"Problems of Boyhood," by Franklin W. Johnson, is a book worthy of a place in every library. It is published by the University of Chicago Press. The Price is \$1.10.