

The Company, by this splendid work for boys, are not only providing for efficiency in the service of their employees, but are contributing in a very marked degree to the making of good citizens by developing and equipping the boys for useful occupation.

It would be an excellent thing if some of our large industrial and commercial concerns, in co-operation with the educational authorities of the province, would undertake similar work.

The salary question keeps coming to the fore and organized effort in this direction is bearing fruit in increased salaries to many teachers. The Sydney Daily Post of January 4th is authority for the information that the Board of School Commissioners of that busy industrial city has given a flat increase of \$225 per annum to each teacher of the grades 1 to VIII. The salaries of Principal Creelman and his associate teachers in the Academy were also substantially increased. Minimum salaries for principals have been fixed. Teachers, other than principals, giving a satisfactory service, shall receive an annual increase of \$25 for five years. All principals shall receive an annual increase of \$15 for successful service for five years.

The teachers of Moncton, N. B., united and presented their request to the Board of Trustees, with the result that at their January meeting the Board granted them an increase of \$200 in their annual salaries.

It was stated in these columns last month that the principal of the Model School, Fredericton, N. B., was paid a salary of \$1,400 per year, and two of his associate lady teachers \$800 each, and another \$850. This was an error. The salaries are respectively, \$1,500, \$900 and \$950.

#### THANKS THE C. N. R. OPERATING STAFF

Chairman of Imperial Munitions Board Appreciates Good Work in Connection with Special Traffic Movements.

Writing to Mr. F. P. Brady, General Manager of the Canadian National Railways, Eastern Lines, Sir Joseph Flavelle, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board at Ottawa, expressed himself as follows:

"The work of the Imperial Munitions Board at Ottawa is complete. With the exception of a few officers of the Records Department who will remain here, the members of the staff necessary for the completion of the the liquidation of our assets, will move to Toronto.

"Before leaving Ottawa I desire to express my great appreciation of the assistance given the Board by the entire operating staff of the Intercolonial Railway. You will readily understand that many times during the last three years we have asked officers of the Company to

give special consideration to the movement of traffic, and in all cases we have met with generous response."

This is an acknowledgment from Mr. Flavelle of the excellent work done by the Canadian Government Railways in the matter of traffic movements during the most trying periods of war time, when special attention was given to overseas munition shipments.

#### THE NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association was held in the Normal School, Fredericton, in January, when a constitution setting forth the purposes and aims of the association was adopted. The Association includes at the present time, Grammar, Superior and First Class teachers only. The objects of the Association are thus described.

(1) To strive, in harmony with all educational authorities, for the advancement of sound education in the Province.

(2) To awaken and promote a healthy and professional spirit and standard of efficiency among teachers, and to seek to impress the public more strongly with the supreme importance of the work in which we are engaged.

(3) To use all legitimate means to increase the salaries of teachers and other members of the Association, in order that the best talent may be attracted to the teaching profession and retained in it.

(4) To unite in an effort for an enlarged and adequate pension scheme, so that those who make teaching their life work may look forward to a competence in their old age.

(5) To take cognizance of all matters affecting our profession, and deal with the same.

The fee for membership in the Association is \$1, payable on the first of March each year. Principal B. C. Foster, M.A., LL.D., is President, and A. S. McFarlane, M.A., Fredericton, is Secretary-Treasurer.

Are you worsted in the fight?

Laugh it off.

Are you cheated of your right?

Laugh it off.

Don't make tragedy of trifles,

Don't shoot butterflies with rifles—

Laugh it off.

Does your work get into kinks?

Laugh it off.

Are you near all sorts of brinks?

Laugh it off.

If it's sanity your after,

There's no receipt like laughter—

Laugh it off.

—Henry Rutherford Elliot.