

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

Since our last number was published teachers' institutes have been held in St. John, Charlotte, Gloucester, Kings, Northumberland, Kent and Albert Counties, in New Brunswick. These institutes have been well attended, the papers and discussions, so far as can be gathered from the reports, were stimulating and helpful, and excellent practical results in the schools should follow. At nearly all the institutes public educational meetings were held. The Superintendent of Education was present at most of the gatherings and gave instructive addresses. The district inspectors by their presence and co-operation rendered good service to the teachers assembled.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

Over 150 teachers were enrolled at this Institute, which met in the hall of the Victoria School, St. John, on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 19th and 20th. Miss Orr's illustrative lesson on Modelling in Clay was an excellent feature of the proceedings. With a class of about a dozen from her Kindergarten school she showed how pleasure and instruction could be combined. While moulding the sphere and cube teacher and pupil worked, talked and sung in unison, every word and motion being directed to the work in hand. Superintendent Hayes' address on Tardiness provoked considerable discussion. Points of agreement in dealing with tardy pupils were suggested which it is hoped may become general. Our readers will find the subject discussed elsewhere. Edward Manning, M. A., of the Grammar School, read a paper on How to Influence the General Reading of Pupils. The paper was a very complete and admirable summing up of the factors that should enter into this important subject, and Mr. Manning, it is hoped, will give the readers of the REVIEW the results of his experience and wide reading. Mr. M. D. Brown opened a discussion on "How to Obtain Accuracy and Rapidity in Primary Arithmetic" by giving some excellent ideas on the best method of teaching it. The public meeting on Thursday evening was presided over by Senator Boyd, Chairman of the St. John Board of School Trustees. Addresses were delivered by Chief Supt. Crocket, G. U. Hay and John March.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

There were over fifty teachers in attendance at this Institute, which was held at St. George on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 26th and 27th. Papers were read by Mr. Walker Moore on Geometry; by Miss Richardson on Moral Teaching, by the president, Mr. J. Vroom, on Plant Life, by Miss Lyle on Teaching

Reading in Primary Grades, and by Mr. Adams on Temperance Teaching in our Schools. A public educational meeting was held on Thursday evening at which addresses were delivered by Supt. Crocket, Inspector Carter, A. H. Gilmour, M. P., Rev. Mr. Pinco, Mr. Hubbard, M. P. P., and Mr. Charles Johnston, Secretary of School Trustees. During Thursday afternoon the members of the Institute visited places of interest about St. George.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

The Gloucester County Teachers' Institute met in Petit Rocher, Thursday, Sept. 26, with an attendance of nearly sixty. Inspector Mersereau was chosen president, ex-Inspector Boudreau vice-president, Mr. J. E. Lantaigne secretary, and Miss Meahan and Mr. Jos. Comeau additional members of committee of management. Instructive papers were read, and an interesting public meeting held on Thursday evening. Among the subjects discussed at this Institute were portions of Rousseau's *Emile* and Payne's *Lectures on Education*, and it was resolved that a sum of money not exceeding ten dollars be appropriated from the funds of the Institute for prizes to teachers residing in the county, and holding licenses not in advance of second class, for the best three essays on the third chapter of "Payne's *Science and Art of Education*."

KINGS COUNTY.

The Kings County Institute was held at Hampton on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3rd and 4th. About fifty teachers enrolled. Among those present were Chief Supt. Crocket, Inspectors Wetmore and Carter and John March, Esq. The following officers were elected:

President, J. C. Robertson, principal at Collina; Vice-President, C. E. Black, Springfield; Secretary-Treasurer, W. S. W. Raymond, principal of Superior School, Springfield Corner. Committee of Management, Miss Beatrice E. Duke and F. E. Whelpley, Superior School, Hampton.

A public meeting was held on Thursday evening, at which several interesting addresses were delivered by prominent educationists attending the institute and others. Papers were read by Miss Beatrice E. Duke on Methods of Teaching the Language and Literature of the Text-books; S. L. T. McKnight on The Teacher's Calling; and by Inspector Wetmore on Astronomy. The latter held that every teacher should be able to explain the theory of the tides, eclipses, etc., the differences of time, and the reason of the changeable positions of the moon toward the north and the south, and the phenomena. The study could be made intensely interesting to the pupils.