

**Inspector R. P. Steeves, M. A.**

Mr. R. P. Steeves is the efficient inspector of District No. 3, New Brunswick, which comprises Albert county, Kings county (except the parishes of Greenwich and Westfield) and Queens county, except the four parishes of Canning, Gagetown, Hampstead and Petersville. He was born at Harvey, Albert county, June 8th, 1858, and received his early education at the village and grammar schools at that place. He entered as a student at Sackville in August, 1873, and was graduated B. A. in 1877. In November of that year he began to teach at Riverside, Albert county, and three years after was appointed principal of the superior school at Hopewell Hill, which position he held until January, 1888, when he was appointed principal of the Carleton county grammar school at Woodstock, and a short time after was made, in addition, superintendent of the Woodstock schools. In June, 1893, he resigned this position to become inspector of schools. He received his M. A. degree from Sackville in 1888.

In October, 1883, Mr. Steeves was married to Minnie, youngest daughter of Jas. McNaughton, Esq., of Salisbury, N. B. They have a pleasant home at Sussex, and three children are the offspring of their union. Mr. Steeves is an active member of the community in which he lives: a member of the Methodist church; interested in Sunday-school work; a member of the S. S. County

Executive in Kings, and a past master of Albert Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. Steeves' success—and he has been very successful as a teacher and inspector—lies in his tact and skill as an organizer, his accurate scholarship and thorough methods of teaching, and in the power which he possesses of inspiring an enthusiasm for learning. The efficiency and excellent standing of the schools of Woodstock are a testimony of his creative genius and wise administration. Many of his pupils have become successful teachers, and his students have entered not only the University of New Brunswick, but all the universities of the Maritime Provinces, and McGill. In the larger field of inspectorial work he has developed, in a comparatively short time, a capability which, added to his industry and his success as an administrator, has given him a wide influence already in the schools of his large and important inspectorate.

**Natural History Society of New Brunswick.****\$120 in Prizes for Insects and Plants.**

A gentleman interested in Natural science and its relation to farming and fruit growing has given to the Natural History Society of New Brunswick the sum of \$150, to be distributed in prizes, after deducting \$30 for expenses, for collections of insects, fungi and weeds. His chief stipulation is that the schools shall be interested in this work, so that the advantages shall be educational as far as possible; and that the young people, and through them their elders, shall be led to take an interest in those forms of insect and plant life both injurious and beneficial, that effect so largely our agricultural and horticultural interests.

The Society is fully alive to the importance of the work everywhere being undertaken by governments, societies and individuals to grapple with the pests that annually entail such loss to farmers and fruit growers, and it hopes that this, the first systematic attempt in this province to create a general and practical interest in this direction, will call forth the active interest and co-operation of farmers, teachers and students throughout New Brunswick, so that the fullest advantage may be reaped from this generous offer.

The Society takes this early opportunity to issue the following plan governing the conditions and distribution of the prizes, with directions to students intending to compete for them:

**CONDITIONS.**

1. The competition is open to the province.
2. All specimens are to be collected in New Brunswick and exhibited by the collector.