

Wynne. Principal Creelman, of Sydney, made a forcible speech, and put forth a definite suggestion on how to get teachers salaries' increased. He urged teachers to unite and to work definitely for this object, and not to expect results at once, but to keep at it. The discussion that followed did not keep to Mr. Creelman's point, but different speakers advanced their own ideas on the subject. A very lucid and informing paper was read by Dr. Soloan on Provincial Claims to Federal Subsidies for Education.

After Dr. Fernald's lecture on Thursday evening, refreshments were served by a committee of Halifax teachers.

The meetings were well attended throughout. A general criticism was that the programme was rather too full. Fewer good things could perhaps have been better digested. Many of the visiting teachers also, would have been glad of more opportunities to see some of the sights of beautiful Halifax, and such sight seeing might surely be considered educational.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces held its twenty-eighth annual session in July. The School met this year in Charlottetown, in a united session with the Prince Edward Island Summer School, under the auspices of the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture. The enrolment was 518, much the largest on record. Three hundred and seventy-one students were from Prince Edward Island, and the other Maritime Provinces were well represented. Predominance was given to the study of Agriculture, the time table being so arranged that all first year students could take the entire course, and the courses in Science were planned to have a direct bearing on Agriculture and School Gardening. This arrangement was very advantageous to the Agriculture Students, but not so satisfactory to those interested in other subjects, which were crowded into the hours of the afternoon. Physical Drill also made taxing demands. Evening lectures were given by Miss Eleanor Robinson, Editor of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, upon the teaching of Literature; by Professor L. A. DeWolfe, of the Truro Normal School, on School Fairs; and by Professor Fernald of Harvard University on "Botanical Evidences of the Discovery of Vineland." The School

visited the Bunbury Farm, one of the finest farms in the Province, to see the extensive orchard and nurseries, the fox ranch, and the Karakull sheep.

The citizens of Charlottetown invited the students to a lawn party, which bad weather turned into a gathering in the college hall.

The interest in the work shown by both teachers and students was intense. "One could not ask" writes a correspondent "for greater enthusiasm or more faithful labour. Might one, however, suggest that most of the students tried to assimilate too much information. It would seem wise to follow the practice found necessary in other summer schools, and save the eager student from herself by uniting the number of courses she may elect. Greater power would follow from this concentration of effort, and in so brief a course, increase of mental power rather than acquisition of facts must be the reward. Difference of opinion on this point should not obscure the recognition of the spirit of earnestness shown by both instructors and students, nor the solid results of the session."

Through the generosity of the government of Prince Edward Island, all tuition was free. About thirty scholarships were awarded at the close of the school and a list of these, with the winners will be given in a future issue.

RURAL SCIENCE SCHOOLS.

The Rural Science School at Truro, closed its Summer session, August 6. The enrolment was 130. Of these, forty-nine completed the course, getting the Rural Science Diploma. Thirty-four obtained one year certificates. Twenty-five did not write any examinations, though some of them attended Science classes. This twenty-five belongs to the group who came for Physical Drill only.

The session was a very successful one. The students were of a very superior type, and entered into all activities heartily. We kept six gardens in operation. Three of these were on vacant lots in the town of Truro; two were on public school grounds, and one on the Normal College grounds. Each garden was under the management of a Rural Science student, whose duty it was to direct the work of her fellow-students or of school children in these gardens.

We held a model exhibition at which the students exhibited their collections of flowers, insects, pressed plants, domestic science and manual