

there is no hope of restoring order while he remains in power. It is believed that Britain, France and Germany are ready to support the United States in armed intervention.

Japan expects great benefit from the opening of the Panama Canal. Japanese goods that are now carried across the continent of America from Pacific ports can then be shipped direct to New York, and the raw cotton which Japan imports can be carried more cheaply. But yet more important will be the shorter route to Brazil which will be opened up by the canal; for Japanese immigrants are welcomed in Brazil, and will probably go there in increasingly large numbers in the future.

Under a new agreement which has just been concluded, China will recognize the autonomy of Mongolia, and Russia will acknowledge it as under Chinese suzerainty.

A new line of freight steamers between Canada and the West Indies has been established, the first steamer to sail during this month from Halifax.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Dr. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, and Dr. Bridges, Superintendent of Schools in St. John, met the Executive of the Nova Scotia Education Association in Halifax on the 22nd of October, and provisionally arranged for an interprovincial educational convention, to meet on the 30th of June and the 2nd and 3rd of July next, in Halifax, under the presidency of the Chief Superintendents of Education for Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Dr. Carter and Dr. Bridges while in Halifax visited the Halifax Academy, the Technical College and the Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

We notice in another column the appointment of Mr. L. A. DeWolfe to be Director of Rural Science Schools for Nova Scotia. The duties of the Director are:—To visit all schools taught by one holding a Rural Science Diploma; to interview trustee and parents, to try to secure their co-operation in encouraging agricultural education; to assist the teachers, and report upon their work; to give suggestions about the school gardens; to help to induce the pupils to make and care for gardens at home; to recommend extra government grants to teachers and sections doing this work; to distribute agricultural literature; and in all possible ways to assist in promoting, through the schools, all that pertains to the betterment of rural conditions—*Truro News*

The first Agricultural School Exhibitions for the County of Cumberland, N. S., were held on September 19th at Salem, East and West Leicester, Mansfield and Little River. On the twentieth a final exhibition was held in the Lodge Hall, East Leicester, where all the first prize winners of the various schools met in keen competition. The exhibits were divided into four classes:—Cooking and Sewing (girls over twelve); Cooking and Sewing (girls over twelve); Flowers; Grains and Vegetables. The girls exhibited cake, biscuits, bread, button holes and sewing on buttons, patches, darning, aprons. The flowers shown were sweet peas, asters, poppies, phlox and pansies. Grains and vegetables:—oats, wheat, turnips, carrots, beets, mangels, pumpkins, squash, cabbages, tomatoes and potatoes. The judges were Mr. N. H. Landells, B. S. A.,

of the Truro Agricultural College, Mr. W. W. Baird, B. S. A., and Mr. R. J. Robertson of the Nappan Experimental Farm.

The Northport, Cumberland County, N. S., School had the honour of carrying off four prizes for map drawing and free hand at the Halifax Exhibition in September. The teacher under whose supervision the work was done is Miss Grace Brownell, now of the Amherst School staff.

The Nova Scotia Technical Evening Schools are re-opening with increased attendance and great enthusiasm. Over 500 young men and women registered at the opening of the evening classes at the Halifax Technical College. At Amherst over 200 pupils attended on the opening night. At New Glasgow, Principal McLeod looks for 300 pupils. This school was addressed by Mr. John Fellows, of the Nova Scotia Steel Works, who assured the boys from the Works that those in charge were carefully noting the progress made by their employees in the Technical School. At Westville and Stellarton the attendance promises to be the largest for several years.

In Glasgow, Scotland, the School board can secure by compulsion, if necessary, the attendance at evening classes of all young persons, up to the age of seventeen, who have not completed their elementary school course at a day school.

Professor Robert Matheson, M. S. A., Ph. D., has resigned from the staff of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College to take an advanced position in research work at Cornell University. Dr. Matheson's place as Professor of Zoology and Provincial Entomologist has been taken by Mr. W. H. Brittain, B. S. A. Mr. Brittain is a son of the late Dr. John Brittain of MacDonald College which in itself recommends him, but he has high qualifications of his own for the post. He graduated with honours from MacDonald College, held an important position in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, and has been for the last two years Entomologist and Plant Pathologist for British Columbia.

The gold medal offered by the Sir Howard Douglas Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire for the best essay on the Old Government House at Fredericton, was won by Miss Ethel Vanwart. The competition was open to all pupils of Grade VIII in the Fredericton Schools. Mrs. A. J. Gregory, regent of the Chapter, presented the medal to Miss Vanwart at the Model School on Trafalgar Day.

Miss Frances L. Fish, B. A., now teaching at Campbellton, has been admitted as a law student by the examiners at Fredericton, without examination, on her degree. Miss Fish is the only woman to apply for admission since Miss Mabel French, of St. John, was admitted some years ago.

According to the Montreal Telegraph, the Province of Quebec now leads all Canada in the matter of school attendance. The Telegraph attributes this advance to the work done by the government in increasing grants to rural schools, to the campaigns carried out by the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction for the purpose of furthering consolidation, increasing teachers' salaries, and in every possible way increasing the usefulness of the schools in rural communities.