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**T**HE Schedule of Salaries of the N. B. T. A. for 1921 has been issued and is now in the hands of members.

In making a change members will bear in mind first their obligation not to engage at a salary less than the minimum, and also that the salaries now paid are in many cases much higher than the schedule rate. It would be wise, before engaging to find out what is being paid for the same class of work in other places. Great inequalities exist, e. g. a Second Class teacher in Marysville last year received \$850 from the Trustees, while a First Class teacher in Dalhousie got only \$400.

In the last issue of the Review it was stated that the Pensions Committee had agreed upon a scheme to provide adequate pensions for teachers and had placed the same before the Government with a view to having it adopted and an Act passed at the recent session of the Legislature.

The principal features of the proposed Act were as follows:

1. Age of retirement—males 60 years, females—55 years.
2. Period of service, 35 years.
3. Disability allowance after 20 years, according to length of service.
4. Amount of pension to be one-half the average salary for the last 5 years of service, minimum

pension \$250, maximum \$800.

5. Teachers to pay five per cent. of Government Grant on a First, Second and Third Class basis, the Government to supply the rest of the sum required.

Much disappointment was felt that the Act was not passed as expected. The following quotation from a letter received by the Committee from Premier Foster will sufficiently explain the situation:

"The proposed plan is an excellent one and the legislation well thought out. The principle has been favorably regarded by members of the Government. Your request, however, that it have immediate enactment is one that requires more than a passing consideration.

"Before embarking on a pension scheme of this kind, it is essential that the Government should know more accurately as to what the expenditure will involve, not only in the immediate future, but for some years to come.

"During the recess we should be able to obtain such reports and information as will enable us to give final consideration to this matter at the next session of the Legislature and if the facts are as set forth by the teachers of the Province, I have not the slightest doubt that your 'Bill for Teachers' Pensions will then be readily agreed to."

## The School Closing Programme

**T**HE program for School Closing is often the one most difficult to arrange. The June Review, will contain a charming little Flower Play suited to the lower grades. We have been allowed the privilege of using an entertaining and unique play suited to the higher grades but the royalty needed is not in the purse of the Review at present. It is hoped that our subscribers who are in arrears will help us in this matter.

A teacher wishing to arrange an interesting and novel Closing exercise might use the stories of Robin Hood as a basis. The games and folk dances, such as "Here we go gathering nuts in May" and "Pop goes the weazel" might be introduced along with races, an archery contest, and a bout with quarter-staves. Friar Tuck, Little John, Maid Marion, Robin Hood and his foresters, with shepherdesses, milkmaids and farm boys in old English costumes will

make a delightful spectacle for an out door program. Novello and Company, London, have such a play made up largely of Folk dances and games called "Ye Olde Englyshe Pastymes," price 3s. Another similar program is entitled "May Day Revels," also costing 3s.

The teacher wishing to add something patriotic to her program will find "The Union Jack," a group of four songs, The Flag of St. George, The Flag of St. Andrew, The Flag of St. Patrick, and The Union Jack, a unique and entertaining number. The children singing each song carry the flags of which they are singing. This is published by Novello and costs 8 pence.

**T**HE enrollment in the Public Schools of Halifax for the month of March, 1921, was 600 more than for March, 1920.