

## VICTORIA COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Victoria County Teachers' Institute, took place at Andover on the 4th and 5th October. Twenty-three teachers enrolled themselves as members.

The officers elected were as follows: Guy J. McAdam, President; Miss Janet Currie, Vice-president; Miss Millie J. Goodine, secretary. The Misses Hughes and Horseman were appointed to serve on the executive committee.

Unfortunately, the Inspector, T. B. Meagher was unable to attend. Miss Janet Currie read a paper on Discipline, which proved to be of exceptional merit. Mr. G. J. McAdam's paper on the Teaching of Language was very interesting.

During the session on Friday morning, the Institute adjourned in a body to the school garden; where twenty minutes were very profitably spent in the inspection of the various flowers and vegetables which the early frosts had not entirely destroyed. Mr. McAdam explained what he considered the best way to set about acquiring a plot of ground, and how the land should be treated the first year.

Not the least interesting part of the meeting was the five minutes' discussions by each member of the Institute on the "Busy Work" employed in his or her school. This was a new feature in the usual proceedings and was voted a complete success.

The public meeting in Beveridge's Hall was well attended and proved what attention the cause of education receives in Andover. The speakers for the evening were Messrs. Baxter, Lawson, Elliot, and the Rev. Mr. Squires. Mr. Elliot's address was worthy of special notice. He spoke briefly of the general duties of teachers, and he urged the trustees not to allow the cream of the profession to seek situations elsewhere, but to raise the salaries of their teachers, and thus show by actions as well as words that they appreciated their efforts in their children's behalf.

M. J. GOODINE,  
*Secretary of Institute.*

Grand Falls, October 8th.

## KENT COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Kent County Teachers' Institute met at Harcourt, October 4 and 5, Inspector Hebert presiding. Thirty-one teachers enrolled. The president opened with an admirable address on the Thoroughly Qualified Teacher. Miss M. Alethea Wathen followed with a paper pleading for more attention to music.

At second session, Miss Minnie A. Buckley taught the idea of spherical form to pupils of first grade, her lesson being favorably criticized. G. D. Steel read a paper emphasizing the great importance of Definiteness in Teaching.

At 4 p. m., same day, the Kent Co. members of the N. B. T. A., held a meeting, A. E. Pearson, chairman. Of the twenty-eight active teachers enrolled, twenty-two were, or became, members of the

Union. The proceedings of Chatham Convention were ratified, and same salary schedule adopted. J. A. Edmunds was elected delegate to the Easter Convention, with H. H. Stuart, alternate.

The public meeting in the evening brought out strong speeches from Messrs. Pearson and Stuart, in favor of parish school boards, consolidated schools, compulsory attendance, houses for teachers and a pension system.

At third session, J. A. Edmunds gave a helpful illustrated talk on Arithmetic, and Miss Ferguson read a timely paper on Spelling. At fourth session, H. H. Stuart spoke on the great Educative Value of Geography, and was supported in discussion by Messrs. Pearson, Edmunds and Rev. W. M. Townsend. Mr. Pearson followed with a paper on Ideality, showing how school grounds and houses can be improved at little expense. The last hour was given to the "question box." Most of the discussion was given to Grammar, our texts being roughly criticized.

The following officers were elected at close of best Institute held in Kent for a long time: President, A. E. Pearson, Bass River; Vice-president, Miss M. C. McInerney, Rexton; Secretary-treasurer, H. H. Stuart, Harcourt. Additional executives, G. D. Steel and Miss Agnes Ferguson, of Richibucto.

H. H. STUART, *Secy.*

## KING'S COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Kings County Institute met at Norton, on September 27th and 28th. Eighty teachers were enrolled. A number were present from the upper parishes of Queens. The President, A. E. Floyd, occupied the chair. The following papers were read: History, by A. C. M. Lawson, and Manual Training, by W. N. Biggar. Both were followed by interesting and profitable discussions. Excellent lessons were given by Miss M. A. MacVey, on Movements of the Earth; Miss Belyea, on Reading; H. A. Prebble, Grammar; and Miss Marion Moore, Latitude and Longitude. A good exhibit of work done in the schools was also shown.

A public meeting was held on the evening of the 27th. Rev. Mr. Perry presided. Speeches were delivered by the chairman, Inspector Steeves and D. W. Hamilton.

The following are the officers for next year: H. A. Prebble, President; Miss Pearl Currier, Vice-president; H. H. Biggar, Secretary-treasurer. A. E. Floyd and Miss Margaret Belyea, additional members of the executive.

## ALBERT COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Albert County Teachers' Institute was held in the Superior School building, Elgin, October 4 and 5, the President, Geo. J. Trueman, M. A., in the chair. Forty-two teachers were present. The president, in his opening address, called attention to the leaflets that had been sent for distribution by the New Brunswick