

gardeners near Dawson in growing a large variety of garden produce, including lettuce, radish, cabbage, cauliflower and potatoes, and warrant the belief that the hardier

cereals might possibly be a successful crop, both in parts of Yukon Territory and in the far northern districts of the Mackenzie River basin.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Whatever consonant sounds are best to choose, the vowels at least should approach modern Italian vowels. Everyone is agreed on that—except, it seems, a headmaster and an inspector of schools in New Brunswick. It is to be hoped, in the interest of sound learning, of good taste, and of respect for common sense and elementary knowledge, that that province will not go back to a comparatively recent corrupt English method, abandoned now in English authoritative books, unknown in any university of note in the United States or Canada, and a subject of amusement to every nation of cultivated beings on the face of the earth.

Strange, if New Brunswick, or any one in New Brunswick, should be so far behind Nova Scotia; where that now discredited English insular method of a couple of centuries is forbidden. However, we know that the University of New Brunswick has respect enough for what is better and wiser not to have kept this up. It is to be hoped that the Education Board will not take a foolish and indeed ignorant step backward.

The Department of Education, New York, have selected Mr. J. C. Rogers, B.A., Principal of Hawkesbury High School, for an important appointment in English in the

Commercial High School, Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Rogers is a Victoria county boy, who has steadily worked his way up. He is a graduate of Queen's, of '94, with first-class honors in English, and has done considerable post-graduate study in New York.

The Treasurer of Wycliffe College received a short time ago a cheque for \$3,000 from Jas. F. Robertson, Esq., St. John, N.B., for the endowment of scholarships, which the College Council has decided to call after the name of the generous donor.

The following statement is made by Mr. Havelock Ellis from the study of eight hundred and fifty-nine men and forty-three women of note in Britain. The upper and middle classes, according to Mr. Ellis, are rich in geniuses. The country and small towns produce genius more often than cities, and the clergy father the most distinguished children. Geniuses tend to come of large families, to be the children of elderly parents, to be precocious, feeble in health in early life, but fairly long-lived. They have usually excellent education; a large proportion travel extensively in early years. There is among geniuses a tendency to remain unmarried or to marry late in life.