

so that the two houses comprise more than nine hundred men. The National Assembly meets only to elect the President. This election took place on January 17th, in the Palace of Versailles. M. Deschanel, who was elected, has had a long and distinguished career both as a statesman and a litterateur. Speaking of this the *Toronto Globe* says, "The election of M. Deschanel by an overwhelming majority indicates that the nation is united behind him and that of France, having survived the crisis of the war, will resume its old place among the leaders of Europe."

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Major L. D. Jones, Principal of the Dalhousie Superior School, Dalhousie, N. B., passed away after a very short illness of spinal meningitis. Major Jones had for many years been connected with the Military Service of Canada, and when the war broke out offered his services to his country. On his return last year he returned to his work in the Dalhousie School, where he was Principal previous to his going overseas. Mr. Jones was a most successful teacher, and pupils and parents alike regret his passing.

At a recent meeting of the Truro School Board the matter of the Public School Curriculum was pretty freely discussed. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Board wishes a revision of the school course by the Board of Public Instruction favorable to the 95 per cent. of school pupils to fit them for life when they leave school, instead of fitting them for Matriculation and College, to which they never enter. As a beginning the Board passed a resolution asking those in authority to at once institute in the schools of Nova Scotia an ample Business Course.

During the Easter holidays a meeting of Nova Scotia teachers will be held at Truro for the purpose of forming an effective organization with the view of strengthening the teaching profession and of stimulating a greater interest in education.

On Tuesday, January 20th, the Woodstock Vocational School was formally opened. The Chairman of the Provincial Vocational Board, Mr. Fred Magee, M. P. P., who was present, along with the other members of the Board, gave the school a personal gift of \$100 to be used for prizes. The school is teaching agriculture, manual training, home-making, stenography, shorthand, a business course, academic subjects, millinery, automobile, cement forging, gasoline engine and carpenter work, and will soon add music to its course. It is the wish of the Provincial Board to make the Woodstock school a

pattern for others to copy. The Carleton County Council at its January meeting made a grant of \$2,500 to the school.

Mr. A. C. Gorham, of Sussex, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, attended the formal opening of the Woodstock Vocational School.

Mr. R. P. Steeves, formerly Director of Elementary Agricultural Education for New Brunswick, recently underwent a serious operation for internal trouble, but from late reports he is well on the way to recovery. He along with Mrs. Steeves is spending the winter in California.

Mr. Rice, formerly Principal of the Sussex Grammar School, is studying law, and is making his home in St. John.

The new class in the French Department of the Provincial Normal School numbers ten.

The Manual Training Department of the Normal School continues to attract quite a number of teachers, who wish to prepare themselves as Manual Training Instructors. Seven teachers are taking the full course this winter.

Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto, in an article in *McLean's* for December, points out the absolute necessity of advancing the salaries of teachers in the public schools and Universities if the present high standards are to be maintained. In part he says: "I do not expect that the men who go into the teaching profession will get as large financial rewards as men who engage in business or in the more remunerative professions. Their reward will be of a different character. But they must not be called upon to make unnecessary financial sacrifices. They must not feel that they are engaging in a profession which the general public holds in such low esteem that they will not make proper provision for their comfort."

The Public School Teachers of Ontario are to become organized shortly, and ten thousand men and women will become members of the new organization. They will be formed into the Federation of Male and Women Teachers of Ontario respectively. Any teacher's organization now in existence will become affiliated with the new Federation.

Miss Margaret Lynds, teacher of elocution at the Normal School, has gone to New York, where she will