

THE CARLETON CO. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

(NOTE.—This is the first Vocational School to be opened in New Brunswick, and the only one that is running day classes up to the present. It is operating under that section of the Vocational Education Act that provides a way for towns and counties to unite in providing practical training for the people. The cost of maintaining the school for the present school year is approximately \$7000 dollars. One quarter of this is paid by the County of Carleton, one quarter by the town of Woodstock, and one-half by the Province of New Brunswick.

The following letter from Mr. Maxwell, the director, is a clear statement of the origin, present status and aims of the school.—Ed.)

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL,
Woodstock, N. B.,

Nov. 26th, 1919.

Dear Readers:—

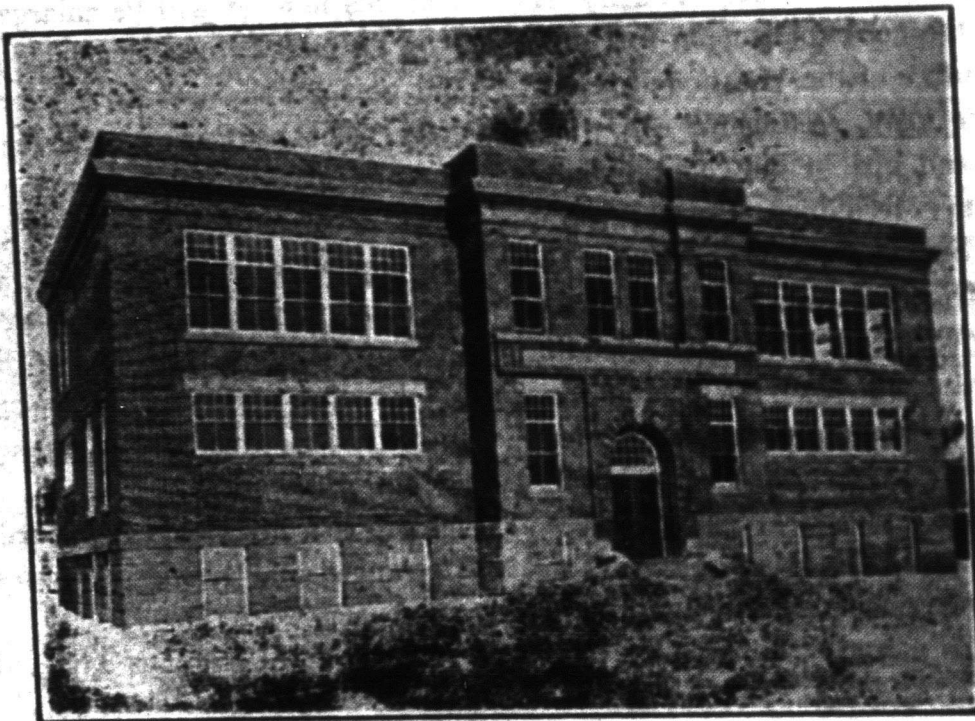
The opportunity of acquainting you with the existence and activity of the Carleton County Vocational School, at Woodstock, affords me great pleasure.

The school building, erected in 1913, was given to the County of Carleton by the will of the late L. P. Fish-

ings and Demonstrations, but it was not until November of this year that extended courses making full demands on the spacious building and the efforts of five teachers were offered.

The building consists of six class rooms, a combined kitchen and class room, fully equipped, and a sewing room for Domestic Science work, a fully equipped wood-working shop, a reading room, and offices for the members of the staff. In the basement there is a large room to be used for cement work, gas engine demonstration, motor mechanics and forging. The stock judging room is also to be found in this part of the building. This room is specially constructed for livestock demonstration, and has graded seats arranged on two sides of it. A cleated runway from the ground surface down provides a safe and convenient means of bringing stock into the building for class room work.

As the school develops other buildings will of necessity have to be erected. A farm, to be operated in conjunction with the agricultural department of the school, is to be purchased in the very near future. It is the aim that many of the required buildings on this farm shall be erected by the agricultural students themselves, under the supervision of the instructor in charge of the



er, a well known and respected citizen of Woodstock, for the express purpose of carrying on Vocational Education. For six years the building had remained in comparative idleness, the only instruction given during this period having been in Domestic Science and Manual Training. These classes were attended by the Public and High School pupils of Woodstock for part-time during the school year. The building has also been used by the Department of Agriculture, Womens' Institute, and Agricultural Societies for Short Courses, Meet-

Manual Training and Farm Mechanics Departments.

When New Brunswick woke up to the fact that Vocational Education was a necessity, and an act respecting it was passed by the Legislature in 1918, Woodstock, being the business and agricultural centre of Carleton County, one of the best agricultural counties of the Province, and having an appropriate building for carrying on the work, was the first town to take it up. There was little hesitation on the part of those entrusted with the scheme to set in motion the machinery which would