

**Teachers' Institutes.****ST. JOHN COUNTY.**

The St. John County Teachers' Institute opened in the assembly room of the Centennial school, December 20th, 1894. The first session was taken up with enrolment and an address by President Montgomery. About 170 teachers enrolled. At the morning session, also, a talk on the teaching of Latin was given by Mr. W. M. McLean. The discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. G. U. Hay, E. A. McKay and Misses Orr and Murphy. After recess for dinner a very carefully written paper on Canadian history was read by Mr. Henry Town. The paper was discussed by Messrs. Hay, O'Reilly, McKinnon, Parlee, Barry and Miss Murphy.

The Institute resumed business at 9 a. m. on Friday morning. A lesson on arithmetic for Grades VII and VIII was given to a class of pupils by Mr. Jas. Barry, who supplemented his lesson by remarks. The lesson was discussed by Messrs. Town, McKinnon, McLean, O'Reilly and Mrs. Dieuaide. After five minutes recess an excellent lesson on grammar was given by Mr. W. H. Parlee. It being noon, no opportunity was afforded for discussing this valuable paper.

At the afternoon session a paper on penmanship was read by Mr. John Montgomery. The paper was discussed by Messrs. Harrington, Superintendent March, W. H. Parlee and Inspector Carter.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Jos. Harrington, President, V. L. Alward, Vice-President, W. D. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. Misses Iva Yerxa and Elizabeth Beattie members of Executive.

The arrangements and date of next meeting were on motion left to the Executive Committee.

**CARLETON COUNTY.**

The Seventeenth annual session of the Carleton County Teachers' Institute met in Graham's Opera House, Woodstock, Thursday, December 20th. Mr. G. H. Harrison, President, in the chair. Dr. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education was present. At the morning session, after enrolment, addresses were given by President Harrison and Mr. W. T. Kerr. Seventy-six teachers enrolled. At the afternoon session a practical address was given by the Chief Superintendent. A paper on English literature was read by Mr. Allen A. Rideout. It was discussed by H. B. Sloat, W. T. Kerr, Dr. Inch and Miss McLeod. Mr. Charles McLean read an excellent paper on "Aids in Teaching." The paper was discussed by E. A. Drier and Dr. Inch.

On Thursday evening a very largely attended public meeting was held. President Harrison in the chair. Addresses were given by Major Vince, Dr. Inch and Rev. Dr. Chapman. During the evening a musical programme was carried out. Those who took part were Miss Jessie Munro, Mrs. F. A. Good, Mrs. W. T. Kerr and Miss Pauline Winslow.

On Friday morning the election of officers took place. It resulted as follows: G. C. Crawford, President; John Page, Vice-President; A. A. Rideout, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Bessie Good and Miss Mulherrin members of the executive.

Mr. F. A. Good read a paper on Juvenile Astronomy. It was discussed by Messrs. Harrison, Kerr and Dr. Inch. Miss McLeod's paper on Spelling was well received and discussed by Miss Palmer, Miss Gray, Allison Clark, S. S. Miller and Dr. Inch. On Friday afternoon Mr. W. T. Kerr read a pap

on "Proper Incentives to Study and How to Use Them." The discussion was opened by Mr. C. H. Gray. During the session addresses were made by Frank B. Carvell and Chas. Appleby.

**YORK COUNTY.**

The York County Teachers' Institute opened in Principal Rodger's department of the Model School, Thursday, December 20th. President B. C. Foster in the chair. The enrolment was ninety-six. After the financial statement had been read by Miss E. L. Thorne, the president gave an address. The "question box" was then taken up and caused some discussion. At the afternoon session after routine, the subject of composition was introduced by Miss Thorne, followed by papers by J. F. Rodgers, Misses Everitt, Hunter and Vandine. Geo. R. Inch, Miss Nicholson and the president took part in the discussion. Inspector Bridges gave a very interesting account of the school libraries in York County. There are about twenty at present and most of them procured by the exertions of teachers. Mr. Schriver and Principal Mullin addressed the Institute on this subject.

The first business on Friday morning after routine, was the "question box." Inspector Bridges, Mr. Foster and Mr. Owens dealt with questions. Mr. John Brittain then gave a lesson on the nature lessons of the new course. Dr. Cox gave an address on "The General Structure of Birds and Fish as Adapted to their Habits of Life." Dr. Bailey and Messrs. Palmer and Bridges took part in the discussion.

Messrs. Rodgers, Day and McDermott and Misses McDonald and Cliff were appointed a Nominating Committee.

Some teachers were enrolled from Sunbury and Queens Counties.

On Friday afternoon, after routine business, Mr. H. H. Hagerman, principal of the Charlotte Street school, read an excellent paper on drawing. The following officers were elected: John Brittain, President; Miss Mabel Hunter, Vice-President; Miss E. L. Thorne, Secretary-Treasurer.

**EDUCATIONAL OPINION.**

Archbishop Walsh, speaking in Dublin on the 25th November last, said he thought the whole system of primary education in Ireland little better than a gigantic mistake. In his opinion it should not consist merely of teaching information which was to be found in books; children ought to be taught how to use their hands and to be accurate observers.

Let us now briefly advert to each of these branches as enumerated, and this, as stated, entirely for the purpose of indicating their nature and utility in a complete and liberal course of education. 1. Music. We have given music the precedence of all the others, not because it is to be here systematically taught, but because, even when practically employed, it forms such a powerful auxiliary in the acquisition of all the other branches—such a valuable handmaiden in the ordering and regulating of the whole scholastic establishment. It has been said, that to attempt to conduct an infant or primary school without music, is