

discussion, led by Dr. Philip Cox. This was followed by Miss Nellie M. Taylor's five minute paper entitled "Lead the Pupil to Think for Himself," which was greatly appreciated.

The second session was opened with Miss Rossborough's paper on "Physical Culture in Schools." This paper was well received, and was followed by a lengthy discussion, led by Inspector Bridges. Mr. A. B. Maggs, B. A., read a paper on "The Importance of Teaching Current Events." This created an animated discussion, led by Miss Edna Heustis.

At the third session a paper on "Geometry" was to have been read, but the author of this paper followed the example of another who had promised a paper on "Map-drawing," and without explanation absented himself from the institute. After expressions of regret at the non-appearance of the paper, the question box was passed around and generously filled. An interesting and instructive discussion was called forth by the questions, which were very much to the point. Rev. McNeil Lauchlan was present at this session, and being called upon addressed the institute very ably. A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Cox for his able assistance in all the sessions. He participated in all the discussions, and the teachers expressed themselves as being greatly benefited by the wise and eloquent addresses of one so experienced and so successful in educational affairs.

Despite the small attendance and the shortening of the programme, through the neglect of certain of the teachers to fulfil their promises, this session of the institute was very pleasant and profitable. It is high time the teachers of Queens and Sunbury had begun to awake to the value of the teachers' institute. The parishes of Cambridge, Johnston, Brunswick and Wickham were not represented at all, and only three of the parishes in Sunbury sent teachers. The executive committee earnestly urge larger attendance for next year. The committee for ensuing year is: H. H. Bridges, B. A., President; Miss Annie Briggs, Vice-President; A. Bowman Maggs, B. A., Secretary-Treasurer; additional members, Miss Annie E. Weston and Miss Janet Rossborough. The institute meets again at Gagetown, September 17 and 18, 1896.

A. B. MAGGS, *Secretary*.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY, N. B.

Eighty-seven teachers attended the eighteenth annual meeting of the Westmorland County Teachers' Institute which was held at Port Elgin on Thursday and Friday, October 3rd and 4th. President Geo. J. Oulton delivered a short address, in the course of which he pointed out the danger of teachers falling into ruts and

of being too ready to follow the opinion or idea of some leading mind instead of thinking for themselves. Mr. C. E. Lund, of Sackville, then took up the subject of "Mental Arithmetic," and by the aid of several of his pupils showed how the subject might be made a means of recreation as well as a benefit to the pupils. Very many of the short methods of multiplication were explained. At the close of Mr. Lund's work the subject was discussed by Messrs. Wilbur, O'Brien, Oulton and Anderson, Misses Barton and Moore, and Mrs. Gross.

At the Thursday afternoon session Mr. W. M. Black, of the Male Academy, Sackville, read a very interesting paper on "Civics," which was spoken to by the President, and Messrs. Downey, R. B. Anderson and Wilbur. After the close of the discussion Mr. R. Boyd Anderson read a carefully prepared paper on "Text Books—their use," which was spoken to by the President, and Messrs. Wilbur, Allen and O'Brien.

A public meeting was held in the Public Hall, at which addresses were delivered by Messrs. Oulton, Wilbur, Revs. J. E. Brown, of Moncton, and Thomas, of Bay Verte. Some choice musical selections were given by the musicians of Port Elgin aided by Prof. and Mrs. Watts, of Moncton.

At eight o'clock on Friday morning the members of the institute made their way to the site of old Fort Moncton, where Mr. R. Boyd Anderson and others pointed out the graves of those of the garrison who had been killed by the Indians during the year following its occupation by the English. Mr. Anderson then read a paper giving an account of the surrender of the fort by Col. Winslow and of the events following.

After returning from the fort an excellent paper on "Ungraded Schools," was read by Miss H. Willis. The institute was so pleased with the paper that the executive were ordered to have it printed in the REVIEW. The paper was discussed by Lund, W. Anderson, Wilbur, and others. Mr. F. Allen, of Shediac Grammar School, then read a paper on "Physics," which was spoken to by Oulton, Downey, and Wilbur.

At the last session on Friday, the institute divided into two sections, advanced and primary, led respectively by Mr. O'Brien and Miss Barton.

The primary section discussed Kindergarten Methods, Reading, Spelling and Vertical Writing. While the advanced dealt with Home Preparation of Lessons, Natural Sciences, etc.

The following were elected officers for 1895 and 1896: President, Amos O'Brien, Salisbury; Vice-President, Miss J. Moore, Port Elgin; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Allen, Shediac; additional members of executive, Mr. G. J. Oulton, Miss Mary Fawcett, Moncton.

Taken as a whole the institute was the most successful ever held in the county.