

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1895.

The annual report of the superintendent of education for the school year ending July 31, 1894, which is just to hand, contains much information of special interest to the friends of education and the public generally in this province. These annual reports give us from year to year a clear indication of the condition of our province from an educational point of view and show us what progress we are making in this grand work. In view of the severe shaking up which our educational system has of late been receiving in the press, we turn to the educational report with more interest than usual with a view of learning something of the returns the people of this province are receiving for the sacrifices they are making, and the efforts they are putting forth, in behalf of education.

The superintendent reports the year one of remarkable activity in every department of educational work. There was a decrease of 60 in the number of sections without school, and an increase in the number of teachers, the increase being mainly in teachers of experience and those with Normal School training. The average salaries of the higher classes of teachers continue to rise, the increase in those of the A and B grades averaging \$32 over the last full year, and that of other grades being nearly as great. In the matter of the improvement of school buildings the interest shown during the past few years has been most gratifying. Thus, the total amount voted by the various sections throughout the province for repairs and new buildings was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1891: \$6,721; 1892: \$8,128; 1893: \$5,287; 1894: \$14,710.

The total amount voted by the sections for school purposes shows a healthy growth. In 1891, \$34,655; 1892, \$33,229; 1893, \$13,445; 1894, \$44,200.

There has been a slight change in the course of study during the past year and several subjects have been dropped from the common school course with a view of lessening the amount of memory work of the pupils. This change makes the course of study of this province more in accordance with those of some of the other provinces, but it is hoped that it will result in increased thoroughness.

Those who may have formed the opinion that the present course of study contains too many subjects, too much of the time of the teacher is taken up with branches of secondary importance to the neglect of the primary and fundamental studies, will be deeply interested in carefully perusing the superintendent's remarks on the point of "How the Teacher's Time is spent in the School," beginning on page 41 of the report. One of these new subjects, Robertson and Shurt, of the Government Experimental Farm at Ottawa; also, Colonel Blair, manager of the Government Farm at Nappan. These gentlemen, with Professor Hopkins already present, were to use a somewhat informal discussion on the subject of the management of the dairy cow and the carrying on of the dairy business.

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The Farmers' and Dairyman's Association.

Some few years ago a few enthusiastic farmers in the eastern part of the province were engaged in the, at that time for this province, somewhat infant business of dairying, determined to do their best to encourage the growth of the business in this country. By meeting in annual and semi-annual sessions, by cooperation in disseminating information, by the discussion of subjects relating to the business, and by exchanging addresses from those capable of giving instruction, they hoped to arouse an interest in a branch of farming which had proved so lucrative in the upper provinces. They formed what was called The Dairyman's Association, and afterward the name was changed to its present title, and the objects of the association embraced all subjects relating to the interests of agriculture.

A small grant of two hundred dollars a year from the local legislature and the annual fee of fifty cents for membership is all the funds which the association has to carry on its work. Considering the vast work performed by the society, and the vast good it has already achieved, the grant by the legislature might well be increased. The Ontario government grants a similar society in that province several thousand dollars a year, and New Brunswick is equal to the same.

In an annual report of the proceedings of the society, containing the addresses delivered, the resolutions adopted, the names of the members, and semi-annual sessions, is printed and circulated, and by this means a large amount of information, useful to the farming profession, is brought to their notice. On Thursday evening of last week the annual convention of the association was held in this town, and the proceedings were a revelation to many of our local farmers, who have hitherto been ignorant of the objects and even existence of the society. There was a good attendance of farmers and others interested in agriculture from a distance, but the attending farmers in the near vicinity was but small, showing a lamentable lack of interest in the important branch of farming most directly within the scope of the society's efforts. To those who did attend, however, the proceedings were of a highly interesting character, and a great deal of valuable information obtained, which, we believe, will result in much good. The exhibition of cream separating and milk testing by the Babcock method, conducted by the president of the association, was an important feature of each day of the convention. A great many samples of milk were tested, some of them showing a high percentage of butter fat, but few of the samples tested being lower than that per cent which is considered an excellent average, and several were as high as six per cent and some more.

Thursday afternoon's session was occupied by the reading of a paper by John Ervin, Esq., of this town, on "Why the farm is deserted." The paper evoked an interesting discussion in which a large number of the present took part. At the evening meeting Professor Hopkins, of the Quebec Experimental Farm, gave an excellent address, replete with information respecting the feeding, care and management of the dairy cow and the carrying on of the dairy business.

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Local and Special News.

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CARPETS!

New Carpets For Season 1895! Latest Designs and Colors. EXTREMELY LOW PRICES! Runciman, Randolph, & Co. Solicit an examination of these New Carpets as especially of GOOD VALUE.

We show... Unions, Wools, Tapestries, Velvets and Brussels. Hemp and Jute Carpets, Carpet Squares and Rugs, Floor Oil Cloths in 4-4, 6-4 and COCOA MATS.

EMBROIDERED TABLE CLOTHS, CHENILLE... TABLE CLOTHS, FANCY... TABLE CLOTHS.

NEW Spring and Summer PRINTED COTTONS! 9-4 Plain White Sheetings, 9-4 Twilled White Sheetings.

Table Linens, Towelings, Pillow Cottons. A FRESH STOCK OF Gents' Bal. Boots and Shoes, Ladies' and Misses' Ties, Ladies' and Misses' Button Boots, Ladies' and Misses' Lace Boots, ETC., ETC.

WANTED! A position as clerk, by an experienced young lady, good recommendation. Apply at... SPECIAL MEETING.

Mme. Rosa D'Erina CONCERT! Mme. Rosa D'Erina, the finest organist in the world, will give a grand concert for the benefit of the Baptist Church, Wednesday Evening, 20th inst.

Residence for Sale. The splendid dwelling-house constructed by the late Capt. J. S. Saunders, on the north side of the city, two and a half miles from Bridgetown, is for sale. Price \$10,000.

Important to the Ladies! Dress Cutting by Square Measurement. I wish to inform the lady readers of the Monitor that I have now fully prepared a new and complete system in all its branches, either here or at your own homes, individually, soon as a class is formed.

DROPPED DEAD J. E. BURNS! Our high prices have dropped. Here are some of them: 25 lb. Choice Brown Sugar for \$1.00. First-class OIL 20c per gal. or 6 gal. for \$1.00.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE!

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Arthur Dodge of Middleton, are hereby notified to file the same, duly attested to with the undersigned within three months, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to settle the same within three months.

Buy your Clothes FROM... EDWIN L. FISHER, Merchant Tailor, MURDOCH'S BLOCK, BRIDGETOWN, N. S.

A GOOD REASON for every day in the week you should buy from me. Coal! Coal!

LACKAWANNA NUT COAL! ALSO Spring Hill Blacksmith Coal.

W. A. KINNEY, Bridgetown, March 13th, 1895. 1895. Letter A. No. 538.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE. We Have Just Opened An Immense Stock of Staple Goods for the early Spring Sewing, all of which have been bought from sources and in such quantities as to insure the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES!

15 Bales Grey Cotton in American and Canadian, from 34 inches to 40 inches wide, and beginning in price, 10 yds. for 35c. Cash. 5 Cases White Cotton in American and Canadian at equally low price. We direct special attention to our 37-inch White Cotton at 8c.

Continue the 20 p. c. Discount on balance of DRESS GOODS until the entire stock is cleared out.

J. W. BECKWITH & SON. A Grand Spring Opening. The Best Lines of Cloths and Trimmings ever shown in the County. Sole agent in Middleton for THE CELEBRATED "TYKE" - SERGE.

A. J. MORRISON'S, MIDDLETON, NOVA SCOTIA. Standard Blend! This Tea is blended in London by experienced Tasters from choicest growths of China, India and Ceylon Tea, and is considered among the best in the market.

WHY BECAUSE is my Grocery trade increasing every day? 1. I handle nothing but the best Goods, and my stock is always new and fresh. 2. My prices are low and goods are delivered promptly as ordered.

HAVE YOU TRIED "Blue Cross" TEA? If not, you should. It is the best on the market. H. R. SHAW, CORNER QUEEN AND GRANVILLE STS.

Our Spring Opening BRINGS A COMPLETE RANGE OF Carpets, Mattings, Dress Goods, Table Linens, Prints, Gingham, Duck Suitings, Challie, Box Cloth, etc., etc. WINDOW SHADES, CURTAIN POLES, Lace Curtains, Portiers, and Window Damasks. Boots and Shoes! A specially fine and well assorted Stock.

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