

Mr. H. E. Colpitts, of Richibucto, is substituting in the St. Andrews High School for Principal Brodie, who has taken a trip across the Atlantic.

Inspector Steeves has purchased a house, and is about locating at Sussex, N. B.

The engagement of one of the bachelor inspectors of N. B. to one of the fair daughters of the Celestial City is announced and congratulations will soon be in order.

Inspector Carter will be engaged during September and part of October among the country districts of Charlotte County.

Labour Day was observed as a holiday in all the schools.

Inspector Mersereau will spend September in Restigouche and Gloucester Counties. He is making his tour on a bicycle.

Mr. W. A. Hagerman has been appointed second master of the Collegiate School, Fredericton, in place of Francis Walker, resigned.

The trustees of the Jacksonville, N. B., Superior School, of which Mr. C. H. Gray is principal, have purchased a copy of the Standard Dictionary for use in the school.

The Normal School of New Brunswick opened the first week in September with an enrolment of 221, made up from the counties as follows: Albert, 8; Carleton, 20; Charlotte, 13; Gloucester, 9; Kent, 9; Kings, 37; Madawaska, 9; Northumberland, 11; Queens, 14; Restigouche, 7; St. John, 19; Sunbury, 5; Victoria, 6; Westmorland, 21; York, 32. Kings leads with 37.

The students are divided as follows denominationally: Baptist 42, Church of England 29, F. C. Baptists 22, Methodists 32, Presbyterian 31, Roman Catholics 56, other creeds 9. Total, 221. There are 139 young women and 53 young men in the English department, and 7 young men and 22 young women in the French department, under Prof. Belliveau.

R. H. Campbell, Esq., Vice-Principal of Prince Street School, Charlottetown, has been appointed Principal of the Davies School, Summerside, and grading master for the Summerside schools. R. McDonald, Principal of Georgetown School has received the appointment of Vice-Principal of the Davies School, Summerside.

A very large attendance of teachers is expected at the Saint John and Charlotte County Teachers' Institute, which meets in the Centennial School Building, Brussels Street, St. John, September 26th and 27th next. The Chief Superintendent has signified his intention to be present, and it is very probable that many others than the teachers will be in attendance. Each county will organize separately after meeting in the general hall on Thursday morning to receive a welcome from the St. John teachers. The president of each county will give an address to his teachers as usual. It is expected that the teachers will attend punctually, and no credit will be given for other than full attendance at each of the sessions. It is also expected that the officers will adhere, as far as possible, to the allotted time. No public meeting or evening session of any kind will be held, in order that that time may be given the teachers to visit the exhibition. It is not proposed to ask any special travelling rates for the teachers, but to take advantage of the rates given to the general travelling public at that time. It is advisable for the teachers, if possible, to arrange for accommodation in advance, but a committee of St. John County teachers will attend the arrival of trains and boat on Wednesday afternoon and evening preceding to give direction or suggestion to any outside teachers. Mr. M. D. Brown, Durham St. School, St. John North, is Secretary of the St. John County Institute, and any inquiries made of him will be promptly attended to.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

HERBERT AND THE HERBARTIANS. In "The Great Educators" series; in which have been also published *Aristotle, Alcuin, Abelard, Loyola, Fröbel*. (Scribner's Sons, Fifth Ave., N. Y. \$1 net).

This book—as is natural from the subject—is partly an essay on philosophy and partly of more tangible interest to most teachers. No doubt all will do well to get the book in this series; they will prevent us from thinking we are inventing when we are only discovering. We are none the less wise for thinking there were some wise people before our day.

The suggestion in that remark is applicable to "Herbartians," probably, as well as to other "schools." The writer of this hand-book—Dr. deGarmo, of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania,—says: "Herbartians seek to fit the child for every important phase of family, social, civil, religious, and economic life,—to develop, in short, the whole boy or girl." He does indeed add: "In this broad aim they are not peculiar." Was not the fair vision before John Milton some time ago: "I call, therefore, a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war?" We may indeed allow that Herbartians have