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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is not very long since we had the pleasure of noting the election of our astronomer to the *Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, connected with the famous Lick Observatory, for interesting astronomical information published. Lately Principal Cameron published, we learn from one of our exchanges, some interesting observations on Venus. The same subject was simultaneously exciting discussion among European astronomers, and not long ago President Brugiere, of *La Société Scientifique Flammarion de Marseilles*, presented his views before the Society in an address which led to the same conclusions as Mr. Cameron's observations published six weeks earlier. When this was brought to the knowledge of M. Brugiere, who is president of one of the foremost scientific societies of France, he sent a flattering note to Mr. Cameron, with an invitation to allow his name to appear as a member *La Société Scientifique Flammarion de Marseilles*. For many years we know of Principal Cameron's devotion to the obtruse mysteries of the higher mathematics and his successful applications of it to astronomy; and we are not at all surprised to

find him honored when he comes into touch with astronomical savants. And then, best of all for us, Mr. Cameron is one of our public school teachers.

In P. E. Island over four-fifths of the total salaries of the teachers is paid directly by the Province. This is a larger proportion than is paid by any other Province in the Dominion, and is almost on a par with the direct aid given in Australia. Notwithstanding this generous aid the teachers in P. E. Island receive lower salaries than those in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

MR. E. B. BIGGAR, editor of the *Montreal Journal of Fabrics*, will shortly publish a book containing incidents of the life of Sir John A. Macdonald. Mr. Biggar has had exceptional opportunities during several years for collecting and arranging fragments and sketches which will make the book he proposes to publish a very interesting one. Before going to press Mr. Biggar will be glad to receive any authentic anecdotes or reminiscences on the subject that have not yet appeared in print.

PROF. W. K. HATT, who succeeds Prof. Strong in the chair of civil engineering, at the N. B. University, comes with very flattering testimonials from men who have had a chance to judge of his merits. Mr. Fuertes, civil engineer of Cornell University, writes of him:

During his connection with this University, Mr. Hatt has made a brilliant record as a man of great ability, honesty, high aims and untiring industry. He has been honored by his classmates by the unanimous election as chief engineer of the surveys of this University, and by his conduct as a student, a man and a gentleman, Mr. Hatt has earned the respect and confidence of the faculty and all persons with whom he has been associated.

AN Alumnae Society in connection with the Girls' High School of St. John has been formed. The meeting was presided over by Mr. G. U. Hay, principal, who gave an address. An excellent musical programme was carried out, after which addresses were made by Inspector Carter, Senator Boyd, Prof. Duff and Miss Bryson, of Montreal. Ice cream and refreshments were passed around during the evening.