

Graduating diplomas were gained by the following students:

1. John McNally, Summerside.
2. Ernest Campbell, Montague Bridge.
3. Andrew Harding, Graham's Road.
4. ( Harry Duckmin, Charlottetown.
- ( Hedley Ross, Stanley.

Governor-General's silver medal, awarded to the best student—John McNally.

Governor-General's bronze medal, presented to the best student teacher—James Rogerson, Pisquid.

THE closing exercises at the N. B. Normal School took place on Friday, June 7th, in the presence of a large number of visitors including his Lordship the Metropolitan, the Chief Superintendent of Education, professor of the university and others. The work of the term has been very satisfactory. Miss Sarah A. Shenton, A. B., of Woodstock, and Miss Gertrude Hanington, of St. John, were announced as the winners of the Governor-General's silver medals for highest professional standing in the senior and junior classes respectively.

#### Nova Scotian Bred Carp.

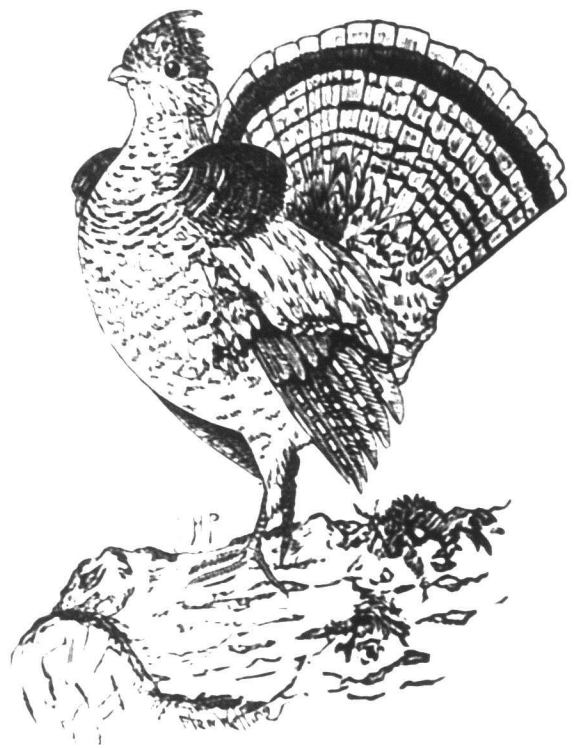
A friend visiting Mr. Macdonald's carp pond, near Durham, Pictou, last week, was allowed a cast for carp, in the interests of science. Instantly a three and a half pounder was hooked, and after a short and sharp struggle was finally landed. Its length was eighteen inches, and girth over thirteen inches. Our scientific editor assisted in the gastronomic test to which it was put. The flesh was very white, not so firm as salmon, suggesting shad, with a flavor of trout. It is without doubt a very fine food fish. Frying produced the most delicious form in which it was served up. Mr. Macdonald has millions of young carp in his ponds already, and quite a great number as large as the one we have been discussing.

#### The Halifax Summer Carnival.

Halifax, the military city of Canada, with fortifications among the strongest in the world, is going to disport itself. The city will be bombarded for a whole day, during which a fleet of warships and all the forts will take part, and large forces of British regulars, Canadian militia and the mariners will be engaged. The thunder of war, let us hope without any of its casualties, will be good object lessons for our teachers. Each day for one week, up to August 12th, will the empire city by the sea attempt to crowd all the sensations which can attract the world within its own beautiful, if not magnificent, circumference. Its public gardens are among the most beautiful in America, and are of no small interest and value from a natural history and educational point of view.

#### FERNDALE SCHOOL.

No. XXIV. The Canadian Ruffed Grouse and its Order.



*TETRAO CANADENSIS* (L.)

From specimen in Provincial Museum, Halifax, mounted by Downs, in "drumming" position.

TEACHER. To what order does this bird belong?

S. It is the "Birch Partridge," and therefore belongs to the "Terrestrial Scratchers."

T. Right and wrong. There are no partridges in the Atlantic provinces. Partridges have *no* feathers on their *tarsi* or shanks; but Grouse have more or less of the shank feathered.

S. This is Grouse, then, as it has feathers on the upper part of the shank.

JIM. "Spruce Partridges" have all their shanks and even their toes feathered. I have seen them often.

JACK. Why, then, they can't be Partridges at all; they are Grouse too.

T. Correctly reasoned. They are both Grouse. And as you have already noticed a difference in the feathering of their shanks you must have also noticed the more conspicuous differences in other respects. Mention another.

S. There is a pair of tufts of blackish feathers on each side of the neck (over twenty feathers in each) and another lower down near the shoulders, in the Birch Grouse, but I don't think there is any on the Spruce Grouse.