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school at Central Norton, is now principal of the superior school at Penobsquis, Kings County.

Coming Teachers' Institute Meetings: St. John County, at St. John, September 22 and 23; Kings County, N. B., at Hampton Station, on the above dates; Charlotte County, at St. Andrews on above dates; Albert County, at Hopewell Cape, September 29 and 30; normal institute of teachers from the six eastern counties of Nova Scotia, at Port Hawkesbury, September 26 to October 1; Westmorland County Institute, at Sackville, October 6 and 7. See programmes of several of these institutes on another page.

Miss Vince, of Woodstock, has taken charge of the advanced department of the Richibucto, N. B., grammar school.

The Macdonald consolidated school at Kingston, N. B., was opened on the 29th August, Mr. D. W. Hamilton, principal. The attendance was 160 pupils on the first day, the majority of whom were brought in vans from the outlying districts. Other teachers of the staff are Miss M. A. Stewart and Miss Ina Mersereau. The building is a fine one, well furnished, fitted with apparatus, and every care has been taken to make the first consolidated school—in New Brunswick a successful experiment.

The Summer School of Science at the Provincial School of Agriculture, Truro, N. S., opened on July 13th and closed on August 12th. About thirty-five students were enrolled, mostly teachers from the public schools of the

province. Besides the regular staff, the school this year enjoyed the presence of Mr. John Brittain, of New Brunswick, who gave a course in bird study and field work in botany, and Mr. Theodore Ross, of P. E. Island, who gave field work in biology and lectures on education. The laboratories of this school are now thoroughly equipped for biological and chemical work.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF FRENCH HISTORY, 1789-1815. By Léony Guilgault, Professor of French, Queen's Service Academy, Dublin. Price 1s. 6d. London, Glasgow and Dublin: Blackie & Son.

No period of history is more interesting, or more extraordinary, and none more useful to know, than a century since in France. The French Revolution is with us still. If France is no longer the most powerful of nations, she may be said without folly to be the most influential. And in France, they say, it is the unexpected that happens.

We have passed through that sentimental reaction where men feared to condemn "the sanguinary monsters, Danton, Robespierre, and Marat, with a troop of 300 or 400 hired assassins," the time that "the lives, the properties and welfare of the people of France were laid at the feet of 949 men, elected by, and in a great measure