

On March 12th St. Thomas' College, Chatham, a Roman Catholic preparatory school, was burned at an early hour in the morning.

On Thursday evening, March 27th, in an Intercollegiate debate in Immaculate Hall, Antigonish, St. Francis Xavier's debating team defeated the Acadia University, Wolfville, team. The subject of debate was: "Resolved that if the autonomous parts of the Empire unite in a federation for the direction of common policy they shall have an equal voice rather than one based on proportional representation."

J. W. Burns, B. Sc., U. N. B. 1916, who has been taking a post graduate course in Chemistry at Harvard, has been granted a scholarship by the Dominion Research Committee. Mr. Burns will take his course at McGill or Toronto.

QUESTION BOX

Margaret M.: (1) That portion of Belgium bordering on France is called Flanders. There are two provinces, East and West Flanders. The inhabitants are called Flemmings and their language, Flemish. Strictly speaking the Flemmings are not Belgians, but Walloons or Germans.

(2) Standard, or Universal Time, was adopted at an International Conference held at Washington in 1883.

Suppose we join two places, such as Halifax, N. S., and Great Village, Col. Co., N. S., with a line, on the map. This line will run nearly north and south. These two places will have noon *by the sun*, at exactly the same time. All towns east or west of this north and south line, will have noon, either earlier or later. In order that all clocks and watches, within a certain east and west zone be alike, the Conference at Washington divided the world into Time Zones. Greenwich, England, was taken as the centre of the zero zone, which extends $7\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west of Greenwich.

North America was divided into zones each 15 degrees in width.

The Atlantic zone extends from $52\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long. to $67\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long.

The Eastern zone from $67\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long. to $82\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long., and so on.

All the time-pieces within one zone show the same time, but in passing from one zone to another the watch has to be set back, or ahead, one hour.

Standard Time for Nova Scotia is that of 60 degrees W. Long, or half-way between $52\frac{1}{2}$ degrees and $67\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long. When the sun crosses 60 degrees W. Long. it is noon all over Nova Scotia, and between $52\frac{1}{2}$ and $67\frac{1}{2}$ degrees W. Long. You can readily see that some such scheme, as was adopted, was necessary in order to make time-tables for railroads.

(3) Some common winter birds of Nova Scotia

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are—Blue-jay, English Sparrow, American Crow, Chick-a-dee, Red Poll, and Snow Bunting.

A few common summer birds are—Robin, Junco, Myrtle Warbler, Song Sparrow, King Bird, Bobolink, Olive Sided Fly Catcher, and Purple Finch.

(P.S.—Answers to some questions have been unavoidable held over until next issue.—Ed. Rev.)

CURRENT ITEMS

Serious uprisings have occurred in Egypt. General Allenby, who took Jerusalem from the Turks, has been sent by the British Government to Egypt to restore order. The situation there is said to be improved.

A delegation of Egyptians is now in Paris to demand complete independence for Egypt under the control of the League of Nations.

An aerial postal service has been instituted between England and the Continent to carry mail to the army of occupation.

It is expected that the Peace Congress will have the Peace Treaty ready to sign by or before the middle of April.