

has been effected by the opening of the new railway across the Andes. The magnificent scenery which is brought within the reach of tourist travel by this new route is counted as not the least of the national assets of Chili. The Chilians, the most courteous of South Americans, are preparing to make the most of this source of revenue; and will spare no pains or expense to make travel easy and agreeable.

Recent borings have revealed vast coal beds in Chili; and the twentieth century will perhaps see as rapid progress in South America as in Canada.

Commander Peary, as he was wrongly called, is now Captain Peary, having been recently promoted to that rank in the navy.

A new mammoth cave has been found in Austria, one vast chamber of which is three hundred and forty feet high. A small river of pure water runs through the cave.

A monument has been erected in Savannah, Ga., to the memory of General Oglethorpe, who founded a colony there in 1733.

Newfoundland has issued a new series of postage stamps to mark the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent settlement of the colony. The three cent stamp bears the head of John Guy, who established the settlement on Conception Bay, in June, 1610; the fifteen cent stamp has the head of King George V., and is the first stamp on which the present King's portrait appears.

St. Paul's cross, the famous preaching cross which stood beside St. Paul's Cathedral in London, until it was torn down by order of the Long Parliament in 1643, has been restored. It is a graceful Doric column surmounted by a bronze statue of St. Paul holding aloft a cross; and famous preachers will probably again speak from the platform at its base, as in the days of old.

Latest reports from Capt. Bernier says that he reached Greenland in August, and was making his way towards Melville Island. He expected to report next from Herschell Island, which is at the mouth of the Mackenzie; to reach which point he will have sailed through the Northwest Passage.

Wild wheat has been discovered in the mountains of Palestine. It is supposed to be the original species from which all our cultivated varieties of wheat are derived; and the discovery is of very great importance, as it promises new races of wheat adapted to cold or arid regions where now no cereal can be grown.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. Everett Fraser, B. A., Dal. '07, LL. B., Harv. '10, was last summer appointed Professor of Property in the Law School of the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. Professor Fraser is a native of P. E. Island. To judge from the students' paper, he has already won a high degree of appreciation.

For the first time there are regular students at the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture representing the gentler sex. Three ladies are in regular attendance this term.—*Truro Sun*.

Last year 1,375 young men attended the technical schools of Nova Scotia, the cost of which to the government was \$33,000.

Upwards of twenty scholarships have been donated to the Summer School of Science by the citizens and Board of Trade, Fredericton, where the school meets next July.

Rev. Simon Spidle, Ph.D., has been appointed to the chair of Theology and Church History at Acadia University. Dr. Spidle was a graduate of that institution in the class of 1897, and is now studying at Newton Theological Seminary.

Miss Annetta Charters, teacher at Marysville Covered Bridge, N. B., was presented by her pupils on the evening of November 21st, with a handsome silver jewel casket and bon-bon dish, accompanied by an address expressing the esteem in which she is held by those under her charge. Miss Charters purposes entering the Provincial Normal School the first of January for a course in manual training.

RECENT BOOKS.

The British Empire in Pictures is a geographical reading book embellished with fifty-eight illustrations, thirty-two of which are in colour, and a full-page map. The contents embrace brief descriptions of the scenery, history and resources of Canada, Australia, India, South Africa and other portions of the British Empire, outside of Britain. It is an attractive book. (Price, 1s 6d. Adam & Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

Chez les Francais is the last in a connected series, of which *La Premiere Annee de Francais* is the first. The subject-matter of the book is indicated by the title; it consists of complete passages—not fragments—from writers of recognized literary merit dealing with France and the country and its customs. The object of the selection has been to combine variety of style and vocabulary with information of educational value. Illustrated with notes and exercises. (Price, 2s. Adam & Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Teachers are hereby notified that Vacation Certificates are not supplied by the Station Agents of the C. P. R.—on the I. C. R. they may be obtained from the Station Agents at the most important stations.

If the local Superintendent or Inspector cannot supply them, they may be obtained at the Education Office.

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