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NORTH COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE HOLD THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Private Houses Were Turned Into Temporary Hotels to Accommodate the Seventy Teachers Who Were in Attendance

A Public Meeting Was Held Thursday Night at Which an Address of Welcome was Read by D. G. Schofield, Secretary to Trustees—Interesting Program was Carried Out

NEXT MEETING OF INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT CHATHAM

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute was held in Blackville, October 30th and 31st ult. Prin. G. H. Harrison, presiding and Inspector Colonel G. W. Mersereau, M. A., present at all the sessions, and R. P. Steeves, M. A., Director of Agricultural Education, and the Blackville Trustees and many of the school children present at most. The 70 teachers attending received the best of accommodations in the private houses that were turned into temporary hotels for their benefit, and very much of the great success of the Institute was due to the work of the energetic local committee. Misses Lottie E. and May A. Underhill, assisted by Principal Ryder. At the public meeting on the evening of the 29th, the people of Blackville turned out en masse completely filling the hall and the best of music was provided instrumentally by Thomas Rees and the other members of the Blackville Orchestra and vocally by Melvin Rees and Miss Laura McArthur. The visiting teachers were heartily welcomed in an address read by D. G. Schofield, secretary to School Trustees, and in a neat speech by Rev. L. Beaton. Much instructive and useful advice was given to teachers and trustees by Director Steeves and Inspector Mersereau, and President Harrison greatly assisted in all the discussions of the Institute.

The Institute opened at 10 a. m. Thursday, October 30.

After routine work and a short address by the president, Inspector Mersereau spoke.

Col. Mersereau deprecated teachers doing fancy work at recess. She should supervise children's play. The teacher had children with her only one quarter of the time, but had four fifths of the influence in moulding their lives. Parents used to do much of the teaching 50 years ago, but they are to-day kept so busy providing bread and butter for their children that the children's training must now be left almost wholly to the teacher. The teacher was by far the most important factor in the community.

Mr. Steeves said pupils were not doing enough play. In Ontario the School ground system was regulated. The writ of civilized society was the home. The school helps the home. The home must be led to help the school. Teachers' salaries will increase as soon as the home realizes that what the school is doing is a benefit to it. When pupils, for instance, demonstrate success in school gardening, the farmers will take notice.

The following committee were appointed.

Nominating—Inspector Mersereau, Misses K. I. B. McLean and M. J. Dunnett.

Finance and audit—H. S. Murray, G. A. Wathen, A. L. Barry.

Resolutions—H. H. Stuart, L. R. Hetherington, Miss Lottie E. Underhill.

Excellent model lessons were given by the Blackville teachers, as follows:—

On Numbers, to primary pupils—Miss May A. Underhill.

On Writing to Grade IV—Miss Stella C. Power.

On Current Topics, to Grade VII and VIII—Principal Ryder.

Miss Underhill developed the idea of addition very nicely.

Miss Power taught writing in natural slant along lines of the Palmer Method.

Principal Ryder's class covered a wide range of current events, showing that they had looked up all such recent happenings as the Volturno disaster and the incidental benefit of wireless telegraphy, completion of Panama Canal, and the invitation to foreigners to attend the opening. U. S. political parties and new tariff and its effect on Canada, marriage of Prince Arthur, return of Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Ulster and Home Rule, Monument to Gen. Braddock, Mexican Civil War, the Blorée Equimaus, Dwarfs of New Guinea.

Mrs. Pankhurst in the U. S. A., Provincial Premier's conference, &c. Each of these subjects was so used as to bring out a lot of incidental information, and showed that the pupils had been led to keep abreast of the times.

Adjourned till two p. m.

Thursday Afternoon

The preceding lessons were discussed by Messrs. Harrison, Mersereau, Stuart, Barry, McKinnon and Ryder and Misses Underhill, Power and McLean.

The general opinion was that the muscular movement of the forearm was better than the old finger movement. Mr. McKinnon said he had good writers by the old method.

The lesson on current topics was very warmly commended by the Inspector, Prin. Stuart and others.

The Inspector said every teacher should receive a daily paper and take it to school and use it. The pupil should be given as wide an outlook as possible, and led to think for himself.

Principal Stuart emphasized importance of teaching current as well as past history. History was making now faster than ever before. For instance, the forcing of China by Russia to sign a treaty giving up her right to send emigrants to Mongolia meant much to us, as China's surplus population would soon have to find an outlet in Australia or America. In noting the different parties in any country the leading principles of each should be taught—Progressive, Prohibitionist, Labor and Socialist as well as Democrat and Republican, Conservative and Liberal. The teacher does not seek to impress his personal opinions on his pupils but merely leads them to enquire into and discover the real difference between the parties so that the child may be able to form an independent and intelligent opinion for himself. The new Civics text was very valuable. Prin. Ryder thought that all third and fourth parties were only of mushroom growth and were not worthy of much notice.

Mr. Steeves gave an address of over an hour on Agricultural Education. He said that the child who learned so much before he went to school, often soon became discouraged by the new conditions in school. By Grade VI 50 per cent. had left school. Only 5 per cent. reached High School and only one per cent. went through college. Yet most of the public money was spent for the High School and College minority. The reason for this was that the child had been trained on too narrow a system. Agricultural Education would supply the lacking interest and keep the child at school and lead him to settle on the land and stay in the province. People leave farm because they do not understand the capability of the farm. Agricultural Education will not hinder but will help all other studies. It will be given largely out doors in the form of school gardening which should go with Nature Study. N. B. now has 23 school gardens. He hoped to see 100 next year. In Kings County where there are most school gardens, a district with only three teachers had Domestic Science, Manual Training and School Gardening and yet its pupils for the last two years had carried off the eighth grade medal given for highest standing in the ordinary studies. He wanted each teacher to have Trustees prepare this fall for a school garden. Government will give Trustees \$20 a year for expense of ploughing, manuring, &c., and the teacher \$30 for supervision. Garden should have a little plot for every child. The government would also grant from \$20 to \$40 for expenses of putting up a little building to store tools, etc. The school garden should be well fenced with lock gate. He expected grants would soon be raised to \$30 for trustees and \$50 for teachers. There will be first, second and third prizes for best gardens in each county, to be divided between trustees for expenses and teachers. Pupil should be so interested that he will prepare an experimental plot for himself at home. The

government will provide pedigree seed. In Ontario they have parish agricultural fairs for school competition. We have as good a country as any; all that is needed is that young people should know it. In one district in Ontario where there was a school garden the district's yield of oats had increased from 39 to 77 bushels per acre and potatoes from 171 to 288.

In reply to Mr. Steeves, 7 teachers present said they had taken the agricultural course, 3 of whom had a chance to apply it. To get grant teachers must take a summercourse. But work would be paid for this year if teachers took course next summer. In Dayton, O., where there are 14 school gardens there are 1700 home gardens as a result.

Pres. Harrison and Inspector Mersereau discussed this paper. The Inspector said he wished to have a garden in every school. Nine-tenths of children cannot be educated from books.

Adjourned.

Public Meeting

The program of Thursday night's public meeting was as follows:

1. Selection by Blackville Orchestra.

2. Opening address by the chairman, Inspector Mersereau.

3. Address of Welcome, by D. G. Schofield, secretary to Trustees.

4. Reply by Pres. Harrison.

5. Vocal Solo—Miss Laura McArthur.

6. Address—Rev. L. Beaton.

7. Violin Solo—Thomas Rees.

8. Address on Vocational and Industrial Education—Herman S. Murray, Director Manual Training, Chatham.

9. Selection by Orchestra.

10. Address—Prin. H. H. Stuart.

11. Vocal Solo—Melvin Rees.

12. Address by Chairman.

13. Address on Agricultural Education—R. P. Steeves, M. A.

14. God Save the King.

The address of welcome was as follows:

"I am here in the name of the Trustees and the people of the village of Blackville, to welcome the delegates of the Teachers' Institute as this is the first time we have had the honor of having the Teachers' Institute held in Blackville, and to express our appreciation of the work in which you are engaged. You may rest assured you have the sympathy of the people of Blackville in your endeavors for the advancement of education, in the upbuilding of the individual, the community and the nation. Canada is a young country making immeasurable progress, and if she is to attain the greatest development it is necessary that the young generation should be properly educated because the time will soon arrive when they will have to shoulder the duties and responsibilities of our country, and any influence that can be carried to the country by teaching would be of great value to the young generation. If the people of Blackville give their children the proper education they will be able to obtain any reasonable results from them. The children form the family; families form the community, and the nation. As the children are educated so shall the family be and as the family is educated so shall the nation be. I am safe in saying that New Brunswick has the best educational system in the world. There should be closer connection between the home and the school. Parents in some cases are not in sympathy with the teachers, and instead of cooperating with them in the education of their children to bring out the best results, I will close my address by bidding the delegates of the Institute welcome, thrice welcome, to Blackville and extending to you all the privileges of the village and hoping that at some future time you will again hold your Institute meeting here.

(Sgd.) DAVID G. SCHOFIELD, Sec. to Trustees.

Mr. Murray claimed there were enough professional men now, and far too many middlemen who did nothing.

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CANADA FAVORS IMPERIAL UNITY

British Postmaster Samuel's Impressions of Visit to the Dominion

The Right Hon. Herbert L. Samuel, Postmaster-General, arrived home in London after an absence in Canada of nine weeks. Giving a graphic account of his visit to the Dominion, Mr. Samuel said what impressed him most was the degree of development already attained by the new cities of the Canadian West.

"I had expected," Mr. Samuel said, "to find some at least of the remote western towns bearing all the marks of hastily created civic communities with badly paved roads, unlighted streets, and ramshackle public buildings. On the contrary, although their growth has been a matter of a very few years, they have all provided themselves with many miles of admirably laid out roads, adequate sewerage, water and lighting systems, well equipped schools and really splendid public buildings. The best feature of all is that these communities take great pains in planning their towns, which is their picturesque and utility leave our English cities far behind.

"The impression I received of the working classes throughout my tour is that on the whole they are prosperous. The sole reason for a certain amount of unemployment in the West is on account of the recent financial stringency. These conditions, however, are passing away in consequence of the very bountiful harvest, which has done much to restore the financial balance."

Mr. Samuel referred in the high terms of praise to "that admirable institution known as the Canadian Club."

Speaking on the question of naval defence, the Postmaster-General said he was particularly struck by the Imperial sentiment which prevailed in the desire for closer union with the Mother Country, inspiring the whole nation.

"I feel sure," Mr. Samuel said, "that the Ministers of Great Britain, no matter what party may be in power, would be well advised, when opportunities offer, to go to see these vast new provinces of the Empire. The people of Canada are full of deep pride in their country and of boundless confidence in its future, and, at the same time they are animated in the East and to the West by the warmest sentiments of attachments to the Empire as a whole."

HAVE ADDED ANOTHER PAIR

The Miramichi Black Fox Company Have Added a \$16,000 Pair of Dalton Foxes to Their Pen

The Miramichi Black Fox Company of whom we had the pleasure of writing up some few weeks ago, have just added more strength to their already well equipped ranch by the addition of a pair of the famous P. E. Island Dalton foxes, now making four pairs of the finest strain of foxes on the market.

This last addition to their pen is valued at \$16,000, and are expected to arrive at their ranch at Douglas-town next week.

After the third pair had been added some few weeks ago, the company had only about twenty-five shares of stock to offer for sale which were quickly taken up and great is the demand for stock that the company is now offering one hundred more shares to the buying public. These are to be sold within the next ten days, after which no more shares will be available.

The fox business, as everybody knows, is proving one of the very best investments on the go, and this company is now one of the safest and strongest companies doing business in the province.

New buildings have been erected on their ranch, and the services of Mr. W. H. Ford, of Summerside, P. E. I., have been secured to look after these valuable animals. The very best prospects for dividends are held out, and we feel we are safe in saying that stock taken in this company will prove valuable to the investor.

Nathaniel Laird, superintendent of a Sunday school, was sentenced to serve not less than one year nor more than four in Sing Sing prison for the larceny of \$40,000 from his employers the Kenaiso Company, New York. Laird's speculations extended over two years. The money, he said, was spent in high living.

KILLED IN WOODS BY FALLING TREE

Gordon McRae, of Chatham, Was Killed in Woods Near Redbank

Gordon McRae, aged 28 years, accidentally met his death while in the woods above Redbank, Saturday afternoon. He was employed in one of A. & R. Loggie Company's logging camps and was working with others in felling trees. The tree at which Mr. McRae was working struck another tree in its descent and glanced and before the young man could get out of the way it struck him across the head knocking him down and rendering him senseless.

His fellow workmen began at once to take him to medical help and reached Redbank that evening where a doctor was summoned, but he passed away in a very short time after his arrival there. The body was brought to Chatham Sunday. The news of the sad accident spread very quickly and much sympathy is expressed for his relatives. Mr. McRae lived with his uncle, William McRae, and is survived by one brother, Herbert, and one sister, Maggie.

A peculiar fact in connection with the accident is that the young man engaged to go into the woods for one month. His month was up Friday, but he finally decided to stay in the woods one more day and was coming out to-day. Almost at the last hour of the day death stepped in.—Monday's Gazette.

NEWCASTLE BOWLERS DEFEAT CHATHAM

Newcastle's King Team Makes a Record Run of 1335—Will Play To-night in Chatham

Newcastle bowlers again demonstrated their superiority over their Chatham friends by defeating them 99 point in Friday night's game, making a record score of 1335.

The best of feeling prevailed all through the game and although the odds were greatly against the Chatham boys, they accepted defeat in true sportsman's style.

Harry Snowball made the highest individual run of 111 for Chatham while Hennessy lead the locals with a run of 129. The score:

Hennessy	94	79	129
Lank	87	87	93
Arseneau	83	87	80
Brown	85	92	92
McMurray	92	86	69

Total 1335.

Bernard 79 77 80

McEachren 88 88 73

Snowball 81 82 111

Synnot 70 70 82

Mann 72 70 97

Total 1245.

After the game the boys adjourned to Johnson's restaurant where supper was served and a very enjoyable hour was spent in speeches, recitations, etc.

A return game with this team will be played to-night in Chatham.

The local team have decided to take part in the bowling tournament to be held in St. John Nov. 26th and 27th and the team selected will be Brown, McMurray, Arseneau, Lank and Hennessy. The latter, is not at present sure of being able to go, but every effort will be used to induce the local's star bowler to go with the team.

ARCHDEACON KERR DIED AT MONTREAL

The death occurred at Montreal on Friday morning last, at his residence 879 Wellington street, of the Venerable Archdeacon John Kerr, twenty-four years rector of Grace Church, Wellington street, Point St. Charles, at the age of 65 years. Archdeacon Kerr resigned his charge last Easter owing to ill health, and since that time had not been able to take any active part in affairs. For the past few days his condition has been grave and the end was not unexpected.

Trip's Discontinued

The Millerton trips of the Str. Dorothy N. will be discontinued for the season.

Fowls that can exercise during moulting season are generally the ones that give serious trouble.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The Annual Convention of Clergy of the Anglican Church Opened Tuesday Afternoon—Bishop Richardson's Charge More Than Usually Interesting.

The annual session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton opened Tuesday afternoon at the Church Hall at 2.30, with His Lordship Bishop Richardson in the chair. Seated on the platform were among others, the Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron, Archdeacon Forsythe, Raymond and Markham, Canons Hoyt, Hanington, Cowie, Smithers, Chancellor Dr. Allen, and members of the Cathedral Chapter. After prayers and roll call the Rt. Rev. Dr. Williams was introduced to the Synod. Certain routine matters were transacted and then followed His Lordship the Bishop's charge.

There was a large attendance of both the clergymen and laity present at the Synod Monday. The majority came in on Tuesday evening's trains, while many arrived Tuesday morning from the North Shore and southern points.

Monday evening beginning shortly before nine o'clock a quiet hour was held at the Cathedral, being largely attended by the clergymen of the diocese who had arrived on the evening's trains. The Bishop of Huron conducted the service, which was a most impressive and solemn one.

Tuesday morning at 9.15 Morning Prayer was said at the Cathedral, and at 10.30 Communion service held at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was the celebrant. The attendance at both services was large.

All the visitors speak in praise of the appearance of the restored Cathedral, the opinion being that the work has been well done and one in which its founder, the late Metropolitan Bishop Medley, would feel proud.

Anniversary Service

Last evening the anniversary service at the Cathedral was held at 8 o'clock, with the Bishop of Huron as special preacher. The choir and organ proceeded from the Cathedral chapel down the south aisle of the church and up the centre aisle to the chancel and sanctuary. Special music had been arranged by Organist Smith for the occasion. Rev. Dean Schofield and Rev. E. B. Hopper took part in the service and the First Lesson was read by Archdeacon Forsythe, and the Second Lesson by Archdeacon Newham. The anthem was "How lovely are the Messengers." His Lordship Bishop Richardson conducted the benediction services.

In Bishop Richardson's charge to the Diocesan Synod, he said in part:

"Since the last meeting of the Synod the returns of the recent census have been published, and we are in a position to know something of the progress that the church has made within the last ten years. As most of you are probably aware, the figures seem

to show that the Church of England Synod of Fredericton has been forging rapidly ahead. The Roman Catholics are still in the huge majority, although it is to be noted that their percentage of the total population is not so high as it was ten years ago. Leaving them to one side, it will be of some interest to compare the standing of the leading non-Roman Catholic bodies.

According to census of 1901, the figures were as follows:

Methodists	916,856
Presbyterians	842,442
Anglicans	681,494
Baptists	318,005

By the returns of 1911, the following is the standing:

Presbyterians	1,115,324
Methodists	1,079,892
Anglicans	1,043,617
Baptists	382,666

It will be perceived by these figures that the Presbyterians have taken the lead, the Methodists dropping in to second place, whilst the Anglicans are still third. The relative standing, however, has changed considerably. The Presbyterians now lead us by 72,307 instead of by 160,948 as in 1901, and the Methodists by 38,875 instead of by 363,459 as in 1901. Stated in terms of percentage, the Anglican increase has been 53.05 per cent.; the Presbyterian increase 32.39 per cent.; the Baptist increase 20.33 per cent.; and the Methodist increase 17.78 per cent. Put in another way, of the total increase in population during the decade, the Anglican took 19.70 per cent., the Presbyterians 14.87 per cent., the Methodists 8.88 per cent., and the Baptists 3.52 per cent.

It would be a matter of great interest to know what is the exact significance of these figures. Of one thing there can be no doubt—they cannot be taken as a safe guide in estimating the actual propagating power—if I may use the term—of the respective churches. If the total increases in population had been due solely to natural causes, if that is to say, there had been no immigration, we should be justified in assuming that the figures mean precisely what they say. In other words, it would be obvious that the progress made by the Church of England in Canada during the past decade had been 20.72 per cent., greater than that of the Presbyterians, 32.78 per cent. greater than that of the Baptists, and 35.27 per cent. greater than that of the Methodists. But we know that the total increase was not due to natural causes only, but largely to the unprecedented immigration. The real significance of the census figures, therefore, can only appear in the light of that fact. The question is accordingly a very complex one, and requires the most careful consideration.

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The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Mary's street.

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WM. H. RUSSELL DIES SUDDENLY

Deceased Has Been Ailing for Some Time—Death Due To Bronchitis

The residents of Newcastle were surprised on Tuesday morning when they learned of the death of Mr. William H. Russell, who is well and favorably known all over the North Shore.

The late Mr. Russell, who was 69 years of age, has been in poor health for some time, but his condition was not considered to be so serious. He was around town up to Monday night and was apparently in good health, considering.

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SHIP DAMAGED IN HUDSON'S BAY

The Alette Sprung a Leak and It was Decided to Beach Her for Winter

Ottawa, Nov. 1—A wireless message was received to-day by the Department of Railways and Canals from the steamer Acadia, returning from Hudson Bay. The Acadia reports that the Str. Alette, which left Port Nelson on Sept. 7, had sprung a leak at Mansel Island. The weather was very stormy and the captain decided to return to Port Nelson, where they will assist in the construction work which will be carried on this winter. The Str. Alette is owned by O. W. Nord, of Nordin, N. B., and he has been notified