

Agriculture appears also on the Course of the High Schools in Grade X under Science, which consists of Chemistry and Agriculture or Mineralogy. The text used is the same as that prescribed in New Brunswick and Ontario (*Agriculture* by C. C. James) A series of twelve books on Nature Lessons is recommended for the use of teachers

Agriculture is on the Course for teachers at the Provincial Normal School, Truro, N.S., Prof. Hermon W. Smith, B Sc, the Principal of the School of Agriculture, being a member of the Faculty.

"To encourage a special study of agriculture at the Normal School at Truro, teachers who are successful in obtaining an agricultural diploma receive in a school, in which agriculture is specially taught, one hundred dollars more than a licensed teacher without such a diploma."

MANITOBA.

Agricultural instruction is given in all the Public Schools of the Province and in all the higher grade and secondary schools. The teachers in training at the Normal School take a course in this subject and are required to pass an examination in taking their non-professional certificates. Two text books specially prepared for Manitoba are authorized by the Advisory Board, entitled "Our Canadian Prairies" and "Prairie Agriculture." Each school is furnished with a chemical book sufficient to illustrate the subject and also with a portfolio of colored plates of prairie wild flowers.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

"Nature Study and Agriculture" as one subject is compulsory in all the five Grades or Standards of the Public Schools, and a compulsory Course in this subject is prescribed for teachers' non-professional examinations of second and third classes,

The text books used are "Manual for Teachers of Nature Study" by Mrs. Wilson (The MacMillan Co.,) and "Agriculture" by C. C. James, (Morang & Co.,) and the following three reference works for teachers: Newell's "From Seed to Leaf;" Goodale's "Concerning a Few Common Plants;" and Grant Allen's "The Story of the Plants."

The following instructions are given by the Superintendent:—

"To interest pupils in Nature, to train them in habits of careful observation and clear expression, and to lead them to acquire useful knowledge are important aims in teaching this subject. The pupil must study the plant, the animal and the soil rather than book descriptions of them. He may consult books after he has made his observations. The study of plant life should be emphasized in Spring though not restricted to that season. The study should be connected with Language, Drawing and Geography."

Then follow the details of the work for the various Grades.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Agriculture is at present an optional subject in the schools of British Columbia. More attention is paid to mining than to agriculture.