

which had long existed there widened, and went on increasing, until village after village and town after town was washed away. Now, if the plans of the government are carried out, the submerged fields will again be cultivated land, and the lost towns will be rebuilt. Reclaiming land from the encroachment of the sea is a work that is always going on in Holland. It is calculated that the area thus added to the country since 1830 is no less than four thousand square miles.

It has been generally thought by naturalists that the passenger pigeon is extinct. Now there is reason to believe that after years of seeking a nesting place has at last been found. If so, the best means must be devised of protecting and rearing the young; for farmers would find the wild pigeons valuable as destroyers of insect pests.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Albert School of Carleton, St. John, was recently presented with a Union Jack by Mr. G. S. Mayes

The Mount Allison Rhodes Scholarship for 1914 has fallen to Mr. W. H. Irving of the class of 1912. Mr. Irving won four Scholarships while at Mount Allison, and took first class honors in English and Philosophy. Since his graduation he has taught Mathematics, with marked success, in the Moncton High School. The REVIEW congratulates Mr. Irving on his election and Mount Allison on its candidates.

The Rev. A. W. Teed, for many years Rector of Richmond, N. B., has been appointed Bursar of King's College, Windsor, N. S.

The Woman's Canadian Club of St. John has prepared a programme of interesting and instructive lectures, illustrated by slides, to be given free during the winter, in the Assembly Hall of the High School, and the lecture hall of the King Edward School.

Following the example of large cities in other countries, Montreal is to have a course of training for teachers in play-grounds, summer schools, settlements and clubs. The McGill University School of Physical Education, in co-operation with the Montreal Parks and Play-grounds Association, offers a course, leading to a certificate, to fit for such work. The course, open to men and women, begins on January 8, 1913, and includes among other subjects, instruction in Psychology, the practical conduct of play-grounds, games and athletics. The fee for the full course of fifteen weeks is \$12.00, and parts of the course may be taken for an almost nominal fee. Particulars may be had from the Physical Director, Royal Victoria College.

The Alberta Schools of Agriculture are planning to provide special training for boys from the Mother Country who want to farm in Canada, but have no knowledge of farming or of Canadian conditions. The boys will take regular courses during the winter, and in summer will be instructed in principles of agriculture and in the work done on the demonstration farms.

Miss Foote of Calgary, a teacher of seventeen years experience, and a member of the Calgary School Board, has been nominated as chairman of the Board, and her election is considered probable. She is the first woman ever elected to public office in Calgary.

Fredericton, N. B., teachers have presented to their School Board a very strong memorial, signed by many representative citizens, asking for a considerable increase in their salaries, to date from the beginning of the present year. The memorial was presented by Dr. Berton C. Foster. After deliberation the Board decided to refer the matter to a committee and to call a meeting during January at which recommendations should be made.

At the Christmas Entertainment given by the Lunenburg Academy students the sum of \$91.50 was netted for the Academy Library. The large Assembly Hall was filled, and over one hundred people had to be turned away for lack of even standing room.

Miss Faye Elderkin, of Port Greville, who has been teacher of Household Science in the schools of Lunenburg and Bridgewater, is leaving to take the post of assistant teacher in the Household Science School at Sydney. Miss Elderkin is being succeeded in Lunenburg by Miss Eleanor Sugatt, a graduate of the Truro School of Household Science.

The Amherst, N. S., News and Sentinel, a paper that is worthy of imitation in its wide interest in Educational matters, argues strongly in favour of free text books. Among the arguments which it quotes is that in Massachusetts one unforeseen result of the adoption of the free text book system was an immediate increase of ten per cent in High School attendance.

At the annual meeting of the School for the Blind in Halifax, the Superintendent, Dr. Fraser, showed the need of more money to keep the work of the institution up to the standard. There were on December 1st, 1913, 148 blind pupils under instruction, of whom thirty are from New Brunswick, four from Prince Edward Island, sixteen from Newfoundland and the rest from Nova Scotia. The splendid work done by this school should ensure all the support that is needed. At present there is a deficit of over five thousand dollars.

Professor Sexton, principal of the Nova Scotia Technical College, has introduced moving pictures, industrial and educational, into the College course. These will be shown throughout the term on Monday and Tuesday of each week. Professor Sexton is to be congratulated upon his enterprise in using moving pictures as a means of instruction. Their educational value is being widely recognized. The Separate School Board of Hamilton, Ont. are acquiring a set of motion pictures for use in Geography classes, and if this venture proves successful, they propose to use them in teaching other subjects.

At the December meeting of the Board of School Trustees of St. John, delegates from different societies appeared to urge forward movements in the city schools. The Women's Canadian Club appealed for music in the schools and Superintendent Bridges was empowered to make arrangements for regular musical instruction. The Daughters of the Empire and the Free Kindergarten Association united to ask the Board to establish Kindergartens as part of the city school system. The Board was recorded as being in sympathy with the Kindergarten idea, but made no pledges as to action. The Playgrounds Association asked for the use of the High School Assembly Hall on two evenings in the week for the use of working girls. This matter was left with the Superintendent.