

a year. In certain special cases, however, school boards may engage teachers at a less salary.

The following letter from Lieut.-Col. Nelson Spencer to Superintendent Hay of Medicine Hat will be of interest to very many Alberta teachers: "Night before last Lieut. Cameron was shot through the breast and instantly killed while scouting in No Man's Land, and to-day we laid his remains to rest in a little graveyard, about four miles from where he met his death. He had just recently rejoined his battalion from the 21st Reserve Battalion at Bramshott Camp. He was sent to the latter place after recovering from wounds which he received in the Passchendaele Row. Col. Bell and all the officers of the unit feel Cameron's death very keenly. He was cheerful, brave, very venturesome, and always considered others' comfort and welfare before his own. Since his return to the unit he had been acting as scout officer and doing good work. You will have seen that he had just been decorated with the D.S.O. His brigadier tells me that had he had another witness he would have got the Victoria Cross. He was the same good-natured, boyish individual as when he had charge of the school at the Hat."

Manitoba

The Manitoba teachers met in annual convention on April 1st to 4th. The attendance was large. In next issue there will be further reference to this event.

During the last 112 weeks there have been established just 112 new schools in Manitoba. These new buildings together with additions to old ones provided accommodation for over 4,000 children of school age.

On March 19th, Hon. R. S. Thornton, Minister of Education, officiated at the formal opening of a new consolidated school at Eden. This is a new consolidated school district and the building is a four-roomed structure of recent type with complete equipment for the broader training now demanded from our schools.

Educational work in Manitoba is facing a crisis owing to the increasing shortage of teachers. The matter was seriously considered at the convention of trustees, held in Winnipeg a short time ago. Mr. Ira Stratton, official trustee, declared that unless higher salaries are paid and better accommodation is provided the rural schools will have a momentous situation. During the past two years many teachers have been attracted to Saskatchewan and Alberta by the larger salaries paid. The convention finally adopted a resolution advocating higher salaries.

The University of Manitoba and the Agricultural College have under consideration a new course leading to a degree, whereby a girl may take part of her work in the University and the balance at the Agricultural

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