

the sinking of the Lusitania. The Provence was engaged in transporting troops to Salonika, and was probably sunk by an enemy submarine.

The British force besieged by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara has been relieved, it is reported, by the expedition sent from India for the purpose. The combined forces, along with the Russians coming from the Caspian Sea by way of Kermanshah and those coming southward from Lake Van, may be expected soon to reach Bagdad, which the Turks are probably not in a position to defend.

It is not surprising that there are rumors of the Turks being ready to sue for a separate peace.

A canal fifty miles in length, which will enable small Mediterranean steamers to enter the river Rhone, has just been completed. It is an important addition to the French canal system, already the most extensive in the world.

The Panama Canal being still closed by landslides, and the Suez Canal route unsafe because of the war, freight steamers bound for the Pacific and the Indian Ocean are following the old southern routes around the capes.

The Japanese government has established near Tokio a powerful wireless telegraph station which can send its messages across the Pacific; and the French are erecting a similar powerful station on the island of Tahiti.

Although the railway to Russia's new winter port in the north of Lapland was not completed before winter set in, the new port has been in use throughout the past winter. This port, formerly known as Katharina Harbor, but now called Novo Alexandrovsk, lies well within the Arctic Circle; yet while Archangel, which is much farther south, is closed by ice, the new port is kept open by the Gulf Stream. That part of the new railway running from Novo Alexandrovsk to the northeastern extremity of the White Sea was finished, and a line of communication with Archangel over the ice of the White Sea has been established by means of sledges and motor-wagons. Another and shorter line of communication connects with the railways of Finland, which are carrying immense supplies of material that has been delivered at the new port.

Our government has decided that one of the peaks of the Rocky Mountains shall be called Mount Cavell, in honor of the martyred nurse who was shot by the Germans in Belgium. It is an outstanding, snowclad peak near the junction of the Whirlpool and Athabasca rivers.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The "C" class at the Nova Scotia Normal College this year is the largest in the history of the institution.

Miss Dorothy Phalen, B. A., Mount Allison, is teaching in Stellarton, N. S.

Miss Ethel J. Cossitt has resigned her position as teacher of the advanced department of the Lakeville, N. S. School, and is succeeded by Miss Staples of Truro.

Mr. D. M. Wiswell, son of Mr. A. B. Wiswell of Halifax, has taken the Rhodes scholarship from King's College.

Mr. C. A. Simpson, Rhodes Scholar from Prince Edward Island, is also a King's College graduate.

The school reports of Amherst, N. S., show that in the provincial examinations last year ninety-one per cent of the Grade IX candidates, and seventy-six per cent of those from grades X and XI received certificates. In Physics and Chemistry, Amherst Schools led the province. The schools of this town have medical inspection, competent instruction in music, and summer playgrounds, and a system of free school supplies in the lower grades.

Agricultural Education in New Brunswick is to be carried on extensively this year. The Rural Science Schools at Woodstock and Sussex will be conducted during the summer. The plans of the authorities include more work in school and home gardens, school fairs and exhibitions, and competitions of different sorts, with prizes.

At the February meeting of the Newcastle, N. B., Town Improvement League. Alderman H. H. Stuart read a paper showing the need of vigorous teaching in schools, of Manual Training, Domestic Science and Civics.

Miss Margaret Baird, of Fredericton, won the prize of \$25 offered by Lieutenant Wendell Shaw for the highest average made at the New Brunswick Normal School. Lieutenant Shaw, who is a graduate of the U. N. B., was invalidated home some months ago, but returned to the front in December.

Lieutenant C. W. Keirstead, formerly Instructor of the Mount Allison O. T. C., has been transferred to the Detention Camp at Amherst, N. S., and his place at Mount Allison is being taken by Lieutenant R. U. Phalen.

Miss Corinne Kerr has taken a post on the teaching staff of the Convent at Campbellton, N. B.

From the proceeds of an entertainment organized at Portage Vale, N. B., by Miss Gifford and Miss Vivienne Geldart, teacher at that place, the sum of \$42 was contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The Women's Institute Division of the New Brunswick Department of Agricultural is conducting free courses for the women of the province in Household Science, and arts and crafts. The report of the first course at the Sussex Agricultural School made by the Supervisor, Miss Hazel E. Winter, is very interesting reading and should be encouraging to the Department. Prizes were given for work in sewing and other hand work, and for written examinations on Home Nursing and Cooking. At the Patriotic concert held on the last evening of the session, the sum of \$55 was cleared. The Minister of Agriculture, who was chairman, announced that the Women's Institute had raised over \$1200 for patriotic funds during the year. The courses at Sussex ended on February 25. The first course at the Woodstock School is from February 29th to March 10th, and the second course from March 14th to March 24th.

Mr. Walter Flett, of Fredericton, is now teacher of mathematics at the Sussex, N. B. High School.

Sixty-five graduates of the University of New Brunswick have enlisted for overseas service, and the majority of these are now on the other side of the Atlantic. Over forty under-graduates have also enlisted.

Professor Sturley, of King's College, Windsor, has received his commission as captain in the 85th, and will go overseas.

A part of one of the college buildings at Windsor, N. S., is being used as a military hospital.