

E. A. R.—What position is General Louis Botha expected to occupy in the new dominion of South Africa; also Dr. Jameson; how many provinces will there be and what are their names? Where will the capital be? How large a territory will be affected?

2. What are the names of the districts or territories of Canada since the last change in boundaries; Where is the seat of government?

3. In building the Cape to Cairo railway, how does England propose to connect British East Africa and British Central Africa? Did England make any kind of a trade with Germany for enough land to build the road on? Did Heligoland once belong to England; if so, what are the circumstances of its acquirement by Germany?

To give a general answer to the questions: Gen. Botha will likely be premier, and Dr. Jameson leader of the opposition. The union of the South African states is a legislative, not a federal, union, which will be consummated May 1st, next. The bounds of the states as at present constituted will probably be maintained, viz., Cape Colony, Transvaal, Natal, Orange River Colony. The local government will be of a municipal character. There will be two capitals, Pretoria and Cape Town. The former will contain the departmental buildings and offices; the latter will be the legislative capital. Any text book on geography should give the area of the S. A. states.

2. Yukon Territory, seat of government Dawson City, and the Northwest Territories, seat of government Ottawa. A re-arrangement of portions of the Northwest Territories will soon be made, Keewatin probably going to Manitoba and Ungava to Quebec.

3. The only portion of the Cape to Cairo railway that is a government road is that which runs through South Africa. The other portions are being built by various companies. England has no official control of the road. Heligoland once belonged to England but was ceded to Germany in 1890. By the Anglo-German agreement of that year in return for the cession of Heligoland Germany renounced all claims to certain disputed territory in East Africa, recognizing also the English protectorate over the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Two Halifax teachers were successful in winning prizes offered by Lord Strathcona for the best essays on introducing and developing physical and military training in the public schools of Canada. The following were the

awards: First prize, \$250, George M. Huggins, principal of Richmond school, Halifax, N. S.; second, \$150, Miss Lillian E. M. Davey, Toronto; third, \$100, Lieut. C. K. Flint, Edmonton; fourth, \$75, J. H. Putnam, Ottawa normal school; fifth, \$50, J. J. McCarthy, McLean, Saskatchewan; sixth, \$25, S. A. Morton, principal of Halifax Academy, Halifax, N. S.

The Eastern Teachers' Association of Prince Edward Island will meet at Montague on Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30. Inspector G. J. McCormac is the secretary.

Mr. A. G. Turney, late of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, has been appointed horticulturist for the Province of New Brunswick and will take up his duties this month.

Principal E. J. Lay, of the Amherst, N. S., Academy, has been on a visit to Los Angeles, Cal., where his invalid daughter is recuperating.

The new annex to Harkins Academy, Newcastle, N. B., was occupied at the beginning of the present term by three departments brought from the isolated schools of the town. The annex, which also embraces rooms for three other departments, and an assembly hall not yet finished, is larger than the main building and one story higher. Newcastle has thus been provided with a fine school building in which its citizens feel a commendable pride.

Rev. Dr. Currie, of Pine Hill Presbyterian College, Halifax, died last month. He was perhaps the most accomplished Hebrew scholar in Canada, and a man of fine attainments and estimable Christian character.

Acadia Seminary, which re-opened after the Christmas vacation on January 6th, is full to overflowing. Many of the students have been compelled to seek accommodation in private houses. The proposed Fine Arts Building, designed for Acadia, will not, it is hoped, be much longer delayed. It is becoming a necessity.

The Ladies' College and Conservatory at Mount Allison, Sackville, has begun the year with bright prospects. The number of pupils in the institution this term promises to be even ahead of the record mark. Last term there were 165 in residence alone. This term there are twenty new students.

St. John, N. B., has adopted a plan which is intended to make the boys and girls of the schools more interested and better informed in the affairs of their own city. An essay competition has been introduced by the Board of Trade, the subject being the improvement of the city in the last fifteen years, what improvements are most needed at the present time, and how can they be carried out. The prizes are as follows:

\$10 for the best essay by any pupil in Grade VIII or below that grade; \$5 for the second best essay prepared by any pupil in Grade VIII or below that grade; \$10 for the best essay prepared by any pupil in Grade IX or in advance of that grade; \$5 for the second best essay prepared by any pupil in Grade IX or in advance of that grade; a special extra prize of \$15 for the best essay on the subject irrespective of the author's school grading.

Public spirited citizens of other towns might offer prizes to the advantage of their schools on this subject or a modification of it.