

## THE DOMINION EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

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The Superintendent of Education wishes to congratulate the Inspectors and teachers on the extremely creditable attendance from the Province of Nova Scotia at the Dominion Educational Association in Halifax. Although the time was not the most suitable for us, coming as it did in the very midst of the vacation season when many teachers were far from home or out of the Province, and when Inspectors were in the midst of the compilation of their heavy statistics, it is very creditable to know, that here, on the edge of our vast Dominion, there was a much larger attendance than at the more central points, Montreal in 1892, or Toronto in 1895. In fact, the attendance was nearly double that of the largest previous meeting. Another point to be pleased with and proud of, was the increased disposition of the other Provinces of the Dominion to rally to the financial aid of this Association before its success could be predicted. The proceedings and papers will be published early in 1899.

Dr. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, has also special reasons for congratulation on behalf of his Province, on account of the large number of his Inspectors (nearly all) and teachers present. When so many educationists are ready to incur the expense of travelling so far to take part in a general conference, instead of enjoying a well earned and much needed vacation, it indicates that the altruistic spirit of the profession which is a measure of the educational energy of the commonwealth, is very high. The success of the Interprovincial convention held at Saint John a few years ago led us to expect a good attendance of our New Brunswick fellow-workers at Halifax, and we were not disappointed.

Considering the more distant Provinces, we were most honored of all by Quebec. The Hon. Boucher de la Bruère, Chief Superintendent, and the leading public educationists, English and French, were not only present but bore a large share of the most important work done.

While the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario had to meet his new Parliament for the first time just as the convention was meeting, he took care to have the Province represented by some of the best known educationists in Canada, one of whom, Principal McCabe, was elected as the President for the fourth convention to be held in Ottawa, probably in 1900.

British Columbia was the first to offer and send financial aid to the Halifax convention. Although the Provincial Election interfered with the attendance of the able and public spirited Minister, Colonel Baker, Supervisor Eaton of the Victoria schools and others were present. But D. J. Goggin, M. A., Superintendent of Education at Regina for the North-Western Provinces of the Dominion, was conspicuously one of the most useful members present, and although representing the youngest and most distant of our Provinces, aided the convention with funds and counsel more effectively than some of the older and nearer.

The Province is under obligations to many of the public schools throughout its extent for the creditable exhibition of school work.