

vince of Quebec will hold their sixteenth Annual Meeting in the City of Quebec on the 15th, 16th and 17th October, when doubtless several valuable papers on educational subjects will be read and discussed. The President for the current year is Dr. H. H. Miles, of the Department of Public Instruction, Quebec.

During the last Session of our Provincial Parliament some of the Protestant School Commissioners of Montreal brought under the notice of the Cabinet the question of the application of the School Tax paid by Protestant Corporations. It is held that the tax on neutral property is unfairly divided, and that Protestants do not receive their fair share.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The King's County Teachers' Association, referred to in the notes for September, was organized with the following officers:—*President*—C. W. Roscoe, Inspector; *Vice-President*—A. S. McDonald, Principal of Kentville High School; *Secretary and Treasurer*—G. J. Miller, Principal of Canning High School; *Committee of Management*—C. F. Rockwell, L. D. Robinson, Miss R. Kinsman, Miss A. Pines. The formal proceedings began with a lucid and interesting address from the President on the objects of the Association. During the forenoon session the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School were introduced, and delivered short addresses in recognition of the warm welcome accorded them. The attendance was very large. Nearly sixty teachers in actual service enrolled themselves at the outset. This number was increased during the day. The afternoon proceedings began with the reading of "Hints on Teaching Arithmetic," by Professor Caldwell, of Wolfville Seminary, followed by an address on the same subject by A. McN. Patterson, A.M. Professor Caldwell dealt in a very able manner with modern modes of arithmetical working, and in the course of his remarks paid a high compliment to Hamblin Smith's works. Mr. Patterson unfolded the philosophy of teaching arithmetic to junior students most interestingly. After a few remarks from Principal Calkin, the discussion of the subject was postponed to allow time for Professor Tufts to discuss the methods of teaching History. The Professor gave a singularly effective exposition of his methods, accompanied by a diagram illustrating the great streams of Greek History. The historical exercises were followed by a brief but profitable discussion. In the evening, "Scotia" Hall was crowded with a select audience to hear the lecture by the Superintendent of Education. Dr. Allison's address was of a practical character, dealing with the fundamentals of popular education. The organization of Associations and the general progress of education were referred to, and the necessity of the sympathetic co-operation of all classes was insisted on. It was shown that more than ever good teachers are required to ensure really efficient schools. Great attention was manifested during the delivery of this address, and at its close a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Allison. Brief addresses followed by several prominent gentlemen. The exercises of the second day were of great interest, and attracted the attention of the outside public, many of the prominent residents of Kentville being close observers of the proceedings throughout. Papers were read by J. A. Davis, A.B., G. J. Miller, J. N. McKittrick, and R. Eaton. The discussions were earnest, and evinced much familiarity with educational subjects, as well as capacity for debate on the part of the teachers taking part therein. The Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School were in attendance until the close of the proceedings. The former official congratulated the inspectors and the teachers present on the great success of the meeting.

The Teachers of Cumberland County are taking steps for holding a Teachers' Association, under Provincial regulation, during the month of October.

Mr. Fletcher, the newly elected Professor of Classics in the University of New Brunswick, was formerly Principal of the Academy in Yarmouth, N.S.

Mr. Samuel Archibald, formerly of the Education Office, is reported to be engaged in extensive farming operations in the vicinity of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The public are awaiting with some interest the appointments about to be made in the Normal School, Truro.

Herbert Bayne, A.M., Ph.D., Mathematical Master of the Halifax High School, has been appointed by the Dominion Government Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the Military College, Kingston. The chair in the High School thus rendered vacant has been applied for by some thirteen or fourteen instructors, quite a number of whom are educationists of considerable repute.

The published Pass List of the Second B., Oct., Examination of the Halifax University contains the name of Alexander H. McKay, the distinguished Principal of Pictou Academy. Mr. McKay passed in the first division with high honors.

The following announcements have been made regarding the Matriculation Examinations of Halifax University:—*Pass List* (arranged in order of proficiency).—1. Robert M. Langille, Pictou Academy; 2. William V. Pego, St. Mary's College, Halifax; 3. Gordon Hill, Pictou Academy; 4. Daniel MacLennan, Pictou Academy; 5. James Alexander Moren, Halifax High School; 6. Alexander J. Primrose, Pictou Academy. *Prize List*.—Chancellor's Gold Medal, Robert M. Langille; Second Prize, William V. Pego; Third Prize, Gordon Hill.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The third annual meeting of the Educational Institute for the Province was held at the Normal School, Fredericton, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of August. There was a good attendance of Teachers and others connected officially with the Public School system, representing nearly every county in the Province, all of whom must have felt amply remunerated for whatever it cost them to be present. In fact this Provincial Institute has come to be a body of such importance, and its proceedings are of so interesting and salutary a character, that no teacher who desires to maintain a worthy place in the profession can afford to be absent from its meetings.

The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Jack, President of the University, on the subject of "The Teachers' Profession." The greater part of two sessions was devoted to the discussion of a Course of Instruction prepared and submitted by a Committee of which Principal Crocket was Chairman. The report, including the course or rather the courses of instruction, was unanimously adopted by the Institute. James Fowler, M.A., Instructor in Natural Science in the Normal School, read a valuable paper on "The Study of Plant Life as a Means of Mental Culture." J. A. Freeze, B.A., Principal of the St. Stephen High School, read a paper on "The Place of Written Examinations in Schools," which gave rise to an exceedingly interesting discussion. At the opening of the fifth session, the Institute was divided into two sections, the bulk of the members remaining in the Assembly Hall for the purpose of witnessing illustrative lessons given by the Instructor in the Normal School, while the Inspectors, Superintendents, Principals in Graded Schools and other school officers withdrew to another room for the purpose of discussing certain questions of organization, etc. In the first section, Miss Clark gave a lesson in reading; Miss Gregory conducted an exercise in English literature; Mr. Fowler, in a lesson on minerals, showed how pupils may be led to find out for themselves the distinctive qualities of natural objects; and Mr. Creed gave a mathematical lesson, on the subject of Geometrical Loci. There was an object lesson on ferns, given by Mr. James Vroom, one of the student-teachers.

In the official section, Mr. W. G. Gaunce, A.B., Principal of the York street schools, Fredericton, introduced the discussion on the promotion of Pupils in graded schools, in the course of which many valuable suggestions were brought out. A paper on the granting of certificates to pupils on the completion of advanced and High School courses was read by Mr. Ingram B. Oakes, A.M., of Chatham, and was followed by a short discussion. It was voted that the Executive Committee bring before the Board of Education the questions of preparing and issuing suitable certificates for that purpose.

At the first session of the Institute, the Executive Committee reported an order to the Board of Education empowering the Education Institute, on the recommendation of its Executive Committee, to confer honorary membership upon any persons not entitled to membership under the regulation. The Institute at once took action under this authority, by conferring honorary membership upon the Hon. George E. King, late Premier of New Brunswick, to whom the Province owes its present admirable School Law; upon the Hon. Judge Fisher, D.C.L., who held the same position many years ago, and was instrumental in introducing a system of public schools into the Province; and upon William Elder, Esq., A.M., M.P.P., to whose efforts the country is largely indebted for the erection of the new Normal School in which the Institute holds its meetings. These three gentlemen were present subsequently by invitation, and by their addresses in returning thanks for the honor done them, added much to the interest of the meeting.

At the closing session, on the Thursday evening, there was a