

able to purchase a teacher's table, provide better black-board surface and otherwise add to the school apparatus.

The teachers and pupils of the Summerside High School have procured Canadian ensign for their school. The formal raising of the flag was an interesting event. The pupils arranged at the front of the building gave three ringing cheers as the flag was run up followed with "The Song of Freedom." High Sheriff Gaffoney then gave a short, eloquent and highly patriotic address.

Miss Maggie Hawthorne and other advanced pupils of Miss Bessie Richardson's school at Waweig, Charlotte County, have provided that school with the means to procure an excellent globe.

The trustees of Hill's Point, Charlotte County, have ordered slate black-boards for their school. May their example prove contagious.

Inspector Carter will be engaged during the first part of November with the schools in the country districts of St. John and Kings Counties, after which he will work in the City of St. John for the remainder of the term.

Miss Bessie Dalton, teacher at Red Head, St. John County, by means of a school concert raised the sum of twenty-three dollars with which she has supplied her school with a teacher's table, chairs, dictionary and other needed apparatus.

Miss Minnie Stewart, teacher at Piskalugan, Charlotte County, has made a good beginning toward supplying that school with better furniture.

Mr. B. W. Robertson, teacher at Round Hill, Greenwich, Kings County, assisted by pupils and friends, recently raised enough money to provide his school with an excellent dictionary and add to his school library.

The Chief Supt. of Education for P. E. I. D. J. McLeod, Esq., delivered his popular lecture "The Old Log School House" to an appreciative audience in Centreville, Bodeque. The revival of the memories of the past and the marked contrast with the present, tended to give his auditors a keen appreciation of the advantages enjoyed by the present generation.

Inspector Mersereau will give his attention during the months of November and December to the schools of Northumberland County.

The N. B. Board of Education has given permission to the St. John and Charlotte County Teachers' Institutes to meet together next year. The combined meeting will be held in St. Stephen, and it is expected that it will be one of the largest and most inspiring gathering of teachers ever held in the Maritime Provinces.

Wm. Albert Creelman, principal of the North Sydney Academy, C. B., passed creditably the London University matriculation examination held this year at Halifax.

Miss Lottie Worrell, teacher at the Ledge, Charlotte County, assisted by her pupils and friends, has raised the sum of twenty-six dollars with which new furniture will be purchased.

The school houses at Second Falls and Bonny River, Charlotte County, have been painted and repaired.

The reward of work has come to another member of the Faculty of McGill. This time it is Mr. Leigh Gregor, Lecturer in German Language and Literature, who has had conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D. Heidelberg. Dr. Gregor commenced his study in 1873 at the Prince of Wales College under Dr. Anderson, where he remained five years, and as *dux* won the Dufferin Silver Medal. He entered McGill in 1878 and graduated in 1882, having during his course won many prizes, notably the New Shakespeare Society's Prize, scholarships and honours in mental and moral philosophy. Dr. Gregor spent four semesters in Heidelberg under Braune and Newmann, the celebrated Professors of Germanic and Romanic philology, and obtained the degrees of Doctor of Philology, and obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the end of his course with a very high *nota*.—*McGill University Fortnightly*.

The School Board of Charlottetown have made a change in the manner of grading their schools which will prove a decided improvement on grading by set examinations for that purpose. The following are the chief features of the plan: In grades I. and II. pupils shall be promoted on the recommendation of the teacher. In grades above II. instead of set grading examinations the general grading will be done on the result of the year's work. All pupils where record is Excellent or Good for the year's work are promoted without further question. If the work is Fair, and standing in "Department" and "Habits of Study" "Excellent" or "Good," the pupil will be advanced. All others will receive a final test by the grading officer.

The following plan of conducting examinations has also been adopted: I. There shall be no stated or previously announced examinations or tests. II. Whenever a teacher, principal or supervisor wishes to sound the proficiency of a class or to determine or direct the quality of teaching, a written test may be given covering the recitation period of the subject tested. III. Once or twice each term a special written or oral test shall be held. If written, it shall be held in the following manner and the results kept on file for inspection and reference: 1. Begin with such subjects as the teacher may select which may be different in different rooms of the same grade in the same building. Do not test on consecutive days. 2. Give no notice to the pupils before hand. When the time comes, the teacher will simply state that instead of the regular recitation a written test will be held. 3. Do not call the work an examination, but a written test. 4. The test may occupy two recitation periods, but in no case shall last longer than one hour and a half. There are several other minor details but these are the chief.