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## Public Schools of Nova Scotia.

The last published Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, for the year 1914-15, has just come to hand. It shows a gratifying progress all along the line. The enrolment of pupils in the ordinary public schools increased during the year from 106,351 to 107,768, this increase of 1,417, making a total increase in six years of 6,266. Including all the schools, technical and ordinary, the enrolment of the year increased from 109,536 to 110,847.

The total days attendance increased 1,024,528 during the year.

There was an increase of 71 schools, making the total number for the year of 2,795.

The vacant schools were nominally 68, being 20 less than the preceding year. But, nearly half of the number have at present no school population, or the children belonging to them have been accommodated in other sections.

Of the population of the Province, according to the last census, the percentage, including regular and technical schools, was 22.25.

The number of permanently licensed teachers increased 100; the temporary and permissive teachers decreased by 48.

Increasing demand is being made for normal trained teachers. The number employed during the last three years has advanced 240. More than one half of the teachers are normal trained, and these take the best schools.

There were 576 more candidates at the high school examinations than in the preceding year.

The total vote of the school sections increased by \$63,925, for all school purposes. The Provincial aid likewise increased by \$9,156, and the Municipal aid by \$3,028. The latter sum included increases made by the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, and Victoria, and places the schools in these counties in a more favorable position than those of other Counties.

Another advance which the parents highly prize is the supply of all books by the New School Book Bureau at cost.

We notice that the Report furnishes a very moderate dose of simplified spelling. That is all right. The spelling of many more words, some of them in constant employment, ought to be simplified and will in due time be simplified. But, the process must be gradual. It has always been so and will continue to be so. The following is an extract from a history of the Battle of Crecy written shortly after the event.

"Than anon the eyre begaune to waxe clere, and the sonne to shyne fair and bright; this which was right in the Frenchmen's eyes, adn in the Englyshmen's backs. When the Genoways were assembled toguyder and begaune to aproache they made a great leape and crye to abashe the Englyshmen, but they stode stye and styrdre nat for all that."

It is not likely that any person will now deny that beneficial changes have been made in the English language since this extract was first published.

## School Fairs for 1916

It seems certain that the number of School Fairs for the present year will be double of that for 1915. In addition to the local and County exhibits about forty schools are preparing to exhibit garden and household produce at the Provincial Exhibition in Halifax. The Government will spend \$600, as follows, viz.: \$300 for eggs and seeds, and \$300 for prizes. It will also give \$100 for exhibition expenses.

Last year eggs were given to children. This year forty cents will be charged for a sitting, and the Government will pay the balance. But this offer is limited to the first three hundred children who apply.

Plants for exhibition may be started in hot beds, in order that the children may learn the value of hot beds, and how to employ them. But, no prizes will be given for hot house plants at present. This rule may be changed hereafter.

No restrictions are put upon the fairs. They may be conducted entirely under local control.

Several other Provinces of the Dominion are entering heartily into the work of encouraging similar schools.

The Official Agriculturalist for the Province of Quebec explains the main object of the movement as follows:

1. To create a liking for agriculture among school children.
2. To teach school children the general principles which should be known by every farmer.
3. To ruralize elementary school teaching; i. e., to keep the school children continually in an agricultural atmosphere.
4. To form progressive farmers and citizens, who will honor the agricultural profession.
5. To get the school trustees and the tax-payers interested in the work of the schools.
6. To make public opinion favorable to the farming profession.

The time, care and money expended in promoting these purposes will be well repaid.

## Daylight Saving

The Daylight Saving idea is not altogether a recent one. It can be traced back at least to the time of Benjamin Franklin. It appears that the idea entered the practical mind of this great man one morning as he awakened from sleep and thought, on account of the brightness of the room, that he had slept beyond his usual time of rising. He talked and wrote of the desirability of utilizing the early hour by moving the working day that much ahead. He said nothing, however, of moving the clock ahead. But, the idea did not meet with acceptance.

The British papers attribute the present adoption of the plan to Mr. William Willett who for eight years tried to induce the House of Commons to order the change, but passed away before his wishes were realized. The necessity for economy occasioned by the war helped to promote the change, and also the fact that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Holland had already this Spring adopted it.

When the matter was brought before the House of Commons, Lord Hugh Cecil opposed its adoption, on the grounds that it savored of "the lowest arts of journalism," but by a vote of one hundred and seventy to two, the motion carried and went into effect on Sabbath morning, the 21st inst. The Sabbath was chosen as most convenient for the railways, and at two o'clock on the morning referred to, the clocks were put forward one hour, to remain so until the first day of October. When the war is ended, the whole matter will come up for reconsideration in the light of the meantime experience.

The principal advantages urged in favor of the change are the following: "The gain of one hundred and fifty four hours of daylight. The saving of some millions of money in artificial light. Immense saving in the consumption of fuel. Better sleep because of the addition of an hour's darkness to sleeping time. Improved health through increased opportunities for exercise in daylight."

## What the Figures Say

The March "Labour Gazette" reports from information gathered from eighty-two localities in different parts of Canada; that the amount spent in building operations for 1915, was less than that of 1914, by the sum of \$66,392,238. This decrease was shared in by all the Provinces excepting Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick, and is an indication of the wave of depression in business which has been experienced throughout the whole Dominion, but has been especially felt in all the Provinces excepting those just named.

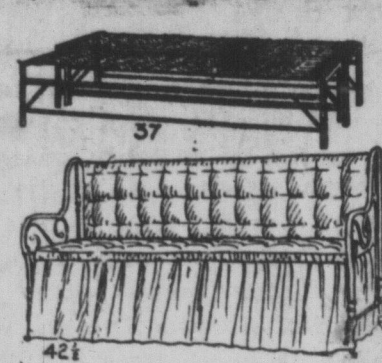
Judging by these figures the Provinces most affected were Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia. In the three Maritime Provinces, the excess in value of the building permits granted in Nova Scotia was greater than that in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick combined. The largest sum granted in this way in Nova Scotia was in Halifax, where it amounted to \$1,605,160. Next comes Truro with \$200,000, and next Sydney with \$198,102.

## DEATH OF ONE OF "HUBS" NOTABLE BUSINESS MEN

James Longley, 76 years old, for 41 years a director of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, died recently at his home, 24 Charlesgate East. Rev. Edward Cummings, minister of the South Congregational Church, Newbridge Corner, Exeter Street, officiating. During the early part of his business life he was partner in the firm of Robinson and Longley.

He was President of the Everett Mills, Pepperet Manufacturing Company and York Manufacturing Company, Senior member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Savings Bank, vice-president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, being a director. Since its foundation in 1875, Mr. Longley was first vice-president of the Home for Aged Men, treasurer of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at Cohasset, a member of the Boston Art Club, the Algonquin Club and the Boston Society, and a life member of the Boston Y. M. C. A.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. Horace G. Bishop of Windsor, spent the 24th with his family here.

Miss Beatrice Harris of Bear River is the guest this week of Miss Mildred Lockett.

Mr. E. C. Hall went to St. John to attend a Convention of Life Insurance Underwriters.

Miss Lena Manthorne is spending the week with her friend, Mr. Lindsay Taylor at Dalhousie.

Mr. E. A. Craig attended the funeral of his brother, the late Mr. James Craig, at Cambridge, on Monday.

Mrs. Ally arrived from Boston last week and is occupying her summer residence on Granville street east.

Miss Genie Troop of Belleisle was the guest over Sunday at the home of her cousin, Mrs. William Anthony.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith was in Halifax last week, returning by auto on Tuesday with his son, Dr. W. H. Beckwith.

Bdgr. Arthur Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wade, has enlisted in the 7th Siege Battery, St. John, for overseas service.

Middleton Outlook: A. J. Morrison who has been at Ottawa during the session of parliament, arrived home on Saturday.

Mrs. William Cochrane and daughter Miss Edna, are visiting Mrs. Cochrane's eldest daughter, Mrs. Malcolm S. Davies in Ottawa.

Pte. Gordon S. Marshall of the 112th Battalion, Windsor, N. S., is spending two weeks pass on sick leave at his home in Clarence.

Mrs. Mary Blanchard returned home on Saturday, after having spent several weeks at the home of her brother, Mr. James Dodge, at Yorkton, Sask.

"Sandy" Cochrane, who is employed with T. D. McAvity & Sons, St. John, spent a couple of days last week in town, the guest of his friends, Lyle and Reginald Salter.

Corpl. Appleton Jackson, having taken a special course in military training at Halifax, is home for a few days and will go into Aldershot with the 219th Battalion tomorrow.

Miss Mildred Wheelock is attending the closing exercises of Acadia University this week. Her sister, Miss Hattie, is teaching the school at Upper Granville, during her absence.

Lieut. J. Robie Parker, Winnipeg, son of W. F. Parker, Belleisle, has been spending a few days at his old home before rejoining his regiment which sails for overseas service shortly.

Dr. W. H. Beckwith came out from Halifax last Tuesday in his auto, and with his brother, Mr. F. R. Beckwith, spent the balance of the week trout fishing on the southern waters. The Doctor returns to Halifax to-day.

Sergt. Harry Lantz, who since the war broke out has been connected with No. 1 Canadian Casualty Station in Flanders, has arrived at his home in Centrelea on a furlough. Two interesting letters from Sergt. Lantz appeared in the Monitor some few months ago.

Mr. N. W. Hogg, who for the past twenty-one years has been an instructor in the Digby Academy, and for the past seven years the faithful and painstaking principal of the school, has been compelled on account of poor health to retire from teaching for the present at least.

Western Baptist: Rev. A. N. Marshall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winnipeg, recently tendered his resignation as pastor of the church the resignation to take effect on June 1st. At a largely attended meeting of the church, it was voted to ask Mr. Marshall to withdraw his resignation.

After due consideration, Mr. Marshall has asked that his resignation be considered as final. The church, however, has asked him to remain with them until September 1st. This he will probably do. During his five years in Winnipeg, Mr. Marshall has made a large number of friends, who appreciate the sterling virility of his manhood and of his messages, as well as the finely wrought form in which his messages have been brought to the people.

## Administrators' Sale

In the Court of Probate, 1916

In the Estate of HENRY C. MARSHALL, late of North Williamston, in the County of Annapolis, Farmer, Deceased

To be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, 20th day of June, 1916, at the hour of eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, at the late homestead of said deceased in North Williamston aforesaid, pursuant to license to sell granted by the Court of Probate for the County of Annapolis, dated the 10th day of May, 1916, all the estate, right, title, interest, claims and demands of the said Henry C. Marshall at the time of his death, of, into or out of all those certain lots of land and premises situated in North Williamston, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, namely:

FIRST LOT: Beginning on the south bank of the Annapolis River, at the north east corner of lands now owned by William W. Whitman, thence southerly the course of the lines along said lands and across the North Williamston highway to lands of George Shaffner, thence easterly at right angles along said lands to lands of William Robinson, thence northerly along said Robinson's land and lands of Isabella Shaw to the School lot, thence westerly and northerly around said School lot to the highway aforesaid, thence across the highway and easterly to the south west corner of lands now owned by the said Henry C. Marshall, thence northerly the course of the lines along said Marshall's land to the Annapolis River, thence westerly along said river to the place of beginning containing sixty acres more or less, being a lot of land conveyed to the said Henry A. Whitman by the executors and widow of the late Honorable Wm. C. Whitman bearing date the twelfth day of August, 1882, and recorded in Liber 79, folios 511 and 512, less the School lot which is not included herein.

SECOND LOT: Beginning on the south side of the Annapolis River, and running southerly along Levi Whitman's east line to the New Road being one hundred and eighty-nine rods, thence running easterly along said road eighty rods, thence running northerly until it strikes Joseph Pierce's west line, continuing along said Joseph Pierce's west line until it comes to the said Annapolis River, being two hundred rods, thence running westerly along said river to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less.

TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings, ways, waters, easements, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the same, belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TERMS.—10% deposit at time of sale; remainder on delivery of deed, or tender thereof.

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SOPHIA E. MARSHALL,  
FRED G. PALFREY,  
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