

Allen, Principal of the County Grammar School, were appointed a committee on local history, to gather all the traditions and manuscripts of historic value that might be found available in the different parts of the county; and all teachers were invited to assist in the work. The Institute then adjourned with the singing of the national anthem.

The afternoon meeting, and all the subsequent meetings, were held in the Congregationalist Church, Calais, where, by special permission of the Provincial Board of Education, the Charlotte County Institute united with the Washington County Teachers' Association. President J. F. Ryan, of the Washington County Association, occupied the chair, and spoke eloquently in his opening address of the teaching of patriotism and good citizenship. He was followed by Miss Stevens, president of the Charlotte Institute, who spoke of the need of home and school working together with that end in view. Miss Caie, of the Milltown High School, presented the first paper, the subject being the teaching of English literature. Miss Wood, of Eastport, followed with a paper on the same subject. Both papers were highly praised by Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Education, who continued the discussion of the subject. A paper on primary geography, by Miss Clark, of Jonesport; and one upon the practical value of manual training, by Rev. T. E. St. John, city superintendent of the Eastport schools, with profitable discussions on both subjects, completed the work of the afternoon.

A public meeting was held in the evening, at which Dr. A. H. MacKay, Chief Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, and Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of New Brunswick, were the principal speakers. Dr. S. E. Webber, city superintendent of schools, Calais, welcomed the visitors to the city; and Hon. Mr. Stetson, the State Superintendent, particularly welcomed the Canadian teachers.

On Friday morning a debate upon the introduction of shorthand and typewriting in the public schools was opened by Superintendent E. H. Bennett, of Lubec, in the affirmative, and Mr. H. E. Sinclair, of Moore's Mills, in the negative. Mr. Bennett took the ground that good positions were open to those who were proficient in these subjects, and that the public schools should supply the needed training. Mr. Sinclair held that the public schools could provide at most but a smattering of shorthand, and could not enable its students to compete with those who had been specially trained. A short address by Inspector Carter followed. Referring to the last subject, the speaker said an increase in the number of subjects meant an increase in the teaching staff, and a consequent increase in school expenditures,

a consideration which would tend to check the popular demand. Miss Annie Richardson, of St. Andrews and Mr. L. W. Gerrish, of Calais, read excellent papers on the teaching of arithmetic, after which business was suspended for a few minutes, and the convention sang "My Country, 'tis of Thee," and "God Save the Queen." An eloquent address by State Superintendent Stetson, upon the teacher out of school, and a very interesting class exercise in music by Miss McKusick, of Calais, closed the morning session.

The first paper of the Friday afternoon session was one on "Penmanship" by Superintendent West, of Edmunds, Me. Mr. Williams, of Eastport, secretary of the Washington County Association, directed special attention to vertical writing; and Superintendent St. John, Hon. Mr. Stetson, Inspector Carter and Dr. Inch joined in the discussion that followed. The general opinion was strongly in favor of the vertical system. The work of the School Improvement League was brought to the attention of the meeting by Miss Kate McDonald, of Machias; and a number of inspiring examples of what may be done by enrolling the children in the league were given. A talk about lessons with plants by Mr. Vroom, secretary of the Charlotte Institute, closed the work of the joint session; and the teachers separated with mutual congratulations and good wishes.

At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Charlotte County Institute, the following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That Charlotte County Teachers' Institute place upon its records an acknowledgment of the courtesy of the teachers of Washington County on the occasion of their joint meeting in Calais, and the general appreciation on the part of the Charlotte County teachers of the value and usefulness of the work of the session.

#### KINGS COUNTY, N. B., INSTITUTE.

The fifteenth annual session of the Kings County Teachers' Institute met at Sussex on the 20th and 21st September. About seventy-five teachers registered. Mr. J. W. Menzies, president, occupied the chair. Papers were read by H. A. Wheaton on Canadian History, and one on School Discipline by Mrs. M. S. Cox, in which some of the faults of pupils were dealt with in a very effective manner. A discussion on Patriotism was conducted by Mr. W. L. McDiarmid, and several members of the Institute took part. Mr. Duncan J. Kirkpatrick gave a lesson to a class of boys and girls on percentage. The lesson was clear and practical in its presentation, and was highly spoken of by those who took part in the discussion which followed. Miss Maggie Smith gave a lesson on Oral Composition in Grade II, an excellent model of how the subject may be taught by the help of pictures. The discussions on the various subjects were participated in by many of the teachers present, including Inspector Steeves, J. Brittain, President Menzies, W. L. McDiarmid, Howard