

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Nova Scotia Farmers' Association are urging upon the provincial government the advisability of having agricultural subjects treated in the textbooks in grades three to ten.

At the closing of the Evening Technical School of New Glasgow, N. S., Principal McLeod presided and the students were addressed by Professor Sexton of Halifax and by School Commissioner McColl. Thirteen classes in all were held during the session, and testimonials were presented to the students who had made most progress. Exhibits of drawing, dressmaking and cooking witnessed to the excellence of the work done.

Of fourteen Canadian Rhodes scholars who, but for the war, would now be in residence at Oxford and are serving either with the army or the Red Cross Society, six are from the Maritime Provinces. These are:

V. K. Mason, Nova Scotia, 1914, Clearing Hospital, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

W. M. Billman, Nova Scotia, 1913, 16th Batt. (Universities and Public Schools), Middlesex Regiment.

A. N. Carter, New Brunswick, 1913, 2nd Lieut. 8th Batt. Yorks and Lancashire Regiment.

A. L. Collett, Prince Edward Island, 1913, 2nd Lieut. 8th Batt. Gloucester Regiment.

H. T. Reid, Nova Scotia, 1912, 2nd Lieut. 9th Division R. F. A.

F. M. Smith, New Brunswick, 1912, 2nd Lieut. Lancashire Fusiliers.

In the Amherst, N. S., "News and Sentinel" of April 10, Supervisor Lay pays a warm tribute to the memory of Miss Elizabeth McKinnon, who lately died in California. Miss McKinnon was for ten years a member of the Amherst school staff, and afterwards became preceptress of the State Normal School of San Jose, California.

The Board of Governors of Acadia University have decided to erect a new Academy building to replace the one lately burned. The new Academy will cost about \$30,000 and will be built on a lot south of the former site and near the college buildings. There will be accommodation for from fifty to sixty students.

The four weeks course at the Sussex Agricultural School was most successful. Twenty-four students attended throughout the session.

Ontario has about 270 rural schools in which agriculture is one of the subjects taught, and about 245 schools hold fairs each autumn to exhibit products or live stock grown or cared for by the pupils. The provincial Department of Agriculture has a plan to induce the children in the rural schools to raise potatoes, a bushel each child, for patriotic purposes. Teachers' salaries are increasing in Ontario, especially in the rural schools.

Mr. J. Stewart Henry of the St. John, N. B. teaching staff, has leave of absence on half pay to take a six weeks' military course at Ottawa.

Prince Edward Island has an organization known as the Southern Teachers' Association, which comprises all the teachers of the seventh school inspectorate of the province.

This association has as officers: Honorary president, Mr. Vernon Crockett; inspector president, H. Christopher; S. Mellish, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, A. B. Simpson.

The object of the association is to draw the teachers together for mutual benefit and for furthering the teaching profession generally.

The meetings are held fortnightly and the programme consists of speeches, papers, discussions, and the solution of any private difficulty a teacher may have.

Miss Edna Golding, lately of the staff of the Model School in Fredericton, N. B., was married on April 7th to Mr. John A. Reid, vice-president of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company.

RECENT BOOKS.

A wonderful little shillings-worth is given in the war edition of Philips' Pictorial Pocket Atlas and Gazetteer. Inside the front and back covers are maps of the eastern and western war areas, respectively. Then we have three pages of fine print on the events that led to the war, British and German army organization, and the comparative strength of the belligerents. Then follow physical relief maps and typical illustrations, and political maps brought up to date. Of special interest at this time are the comparative maps of the world in 1500, 1800 and 1910, showing colonial expansion and communication. There are diagrams showing the comparative trade, manufacture, shipping, revenues, etc., of the chief countries of the world, and a gazetteer. This is just the book to have at hand when one of the countless questions that arise every day out of the war news, has to be answered promptly. [G. Philip & Son, 32 Fleet street, London, E. C.]

A convenient little edition of Macaulay's poems. Horatius, Lake Regillus, and the Armada is that of A. J. F. Collins, M.A., Oxon. It has maps, good and not too full notes and an introduction on Macaulay and the Lays. [University Tutorial Press, London.]

So many capital books are now issued cheaply that deal with both main and side issues in English history that there is no excuse for the history teacher whose lessons are dull for lack of illustration and comment. THE STORY OF ENGLISH INDUSTRY AND TRADE is simply and entertainingly told for older pupils in schools by H. L. Burrows, M.A., and contains much information that throws light on the bald statements of the ordinary history text-book. Condensed as the tale has to be, the writer finds room for apt quotations and picturesque detail. The chapters on "the fierce devouring sheep" on the great trading companies, and the great sailors are full of interest, and we wish that every class studying the Norman period had the chapter on Domesday Book before them. The illustrations are good and educational. [Adam and Charles Black, Soho square, London. 205 pages, 1s. 6d.]

We have previously noticed Black's JUNIOR REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIES. The latest volume deals with THE THREE