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### NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS.

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One of the most interesting reports is that of Mr. Kidner, the director of the Manual Training and Household Science departments. He states that the new manual schools in Sussex and St. John are doing execulent work, Sussex and Hampton employing the same teacher, as do St. Stephen and Milltown. In St. Anold Science departments. He states that the new manual schools in Sussex and St. John are doing execulent work, Sussex and Hampton employing the same teacher, as do St. Stephen and Milltown. In St. Anold Science departments. He states that the new manual schools in Sussex and St. John are doing execulent work, Sussex and Hampton employing the same teacher, as do St. Stephen and Milltown. In St. Anold Area and the manual Schools in Sussex and St. John are doing execulent work, Sussex and Hampton employing the same teacher, as do St. Stephen and Milltown. In St. Anold Area and St. John are doing executed the surface of the exclusion of German knitted with the surface of the work suspense of the exclusion of German knitted with the surface of the exclusion of German knitted with the surface of the exclusion of Ge

the aggregate 10,200 pounds. Sixteen six-inch guns, the Niobe's principle battery, would fire projectiles weighing 1,600 pounds. The penetrating power of the shells also varies. The twelve-inch projectile will pierce thirty-nine inches of wrought-iron at the muzzle of the gun. The six-inch projectile will pierce twenty inches of tron under the same conditions.

"While the decision of the Canadian Government to buy the Niobe rather than the Rainbow is commendable, in a sense, it must be plain that, as a fighting engine, it is behind the age. With two Indomitables as the nucleus of our fleet. Canada would be rendering real service to the Empire, instead of making an elaborate and theatrical pretence."

### TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

The teachers' pension act is criticised because there are few who can quality under it. Mr. Copp has heard that only two in the whole province will be entitled to pensions. This was too absurd a statement for even Mr. Copp to make on his own responsibility. As a matter of fact the age limit and the service limit are those proposed by the teachers themselves. Their delegates computed that on the basis of \$400 pension for men and \$250 for women the amount required to meet the claims would have been \$3,850 in 1909. This supposed that about twelve teachers would go on the pension list at the beginning. It was calculated that the amount required would, fifteen years hence, be \$12,250, which means a retiring allowance for some forty teachers. forty teachers.

But whether the number be large or small it will include all women over fifty-five, and all men over sixty who have been teaching thirty-five years. It will who have been teaching thirty-live years. It will not be considered a grievance by teachers that they are expected to continue in active service to these ages or for this length of time. Some will continue longer if they are permitted to do so. But it will relieve them of a great anxiety to know that age and retirement

It may be that this system will be found an inducement for teachers to remain in the profession. This but the period of which it is a record belongs partly to the regime of Dr. Inch. Of course the recommendations made and the opinions expressed are those of the present superintendent.

Mr. Carter laments the scarcity of teachers of the higher classes, and indeed of all grades, observing that the West is attracting many of our best, especially the male teachers. He reports a substantial, though still insufficient increase in salaries, and commends "the St. "John board and its excellent chairman, R. B. Emergen, which "has set an example worthy of the It may be that this system will be found an induc

son, Esq.," which "has set an example worthy of the "imitation of all towns and school districts in raising "the salaries of their teachers," and in making provision for those incapacitated by illness or length of service. Whatever may be thought by some St. John trustees of a public high school system, the figures show that the number of pupils in the high school grades is increased in all the schools. In ten years the number of students in these grades has increased from 1,656 to 2,100, while the total enrolment in the public schools has been practically stationary. There was a gain of 176 in the high school enrolment last year.

Mr. Carter is heartlly in favor of physical training for boys and gris, and evidently looks with favor on the proposed military drill for which the Strathcoan Trust makes provision. The superintendent finds that the extension of the summer vacation in the country to correspond with that given in cities has met with general acceptance. But he does not wish to see the holidays further extended. It is found impossible to reconcile the demands for increased courses of study in the schools, with those for longer vacations.

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Aye the lea and the long av it stands That I'd give all me bochaleen brawn And me fool of a shay and me lands For that whisp of a girl that is gone —Arthur Stringer.

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They met as Soshone was slowly eturning and looked peculiarly at

ch other.
"Can't find him," said the Kid. "and hat's worse, all the loose change we ad after last night's donation, is

meager thatch of gray hair, and he peered at them through near-sighted eyes.

"Howdy, boys," he said timidly.

The bunch dismounted, and Shoshone acted as spokesman.

"Stranger," he said, with a long drawl, "a skunk's come into these parts when it hadn't oughter have, and we're aimin' to shoot some holes in it or turn it back."

"Guess you're goin' to let me have a say, boys?"

"Well, boys, I came west last month. Guess you see I ain't set up very strong? Because of that I decided l'd get a claim out here, and then bring out the missus and the kids. When I got here I found there wasn't any claims left but this land, and it lenew how it was, I thought you boys was right. It was yours. But I got a letter sayin' that two of the kids was sick, and medicine had took about an elter sayin' that two of the kids was sick, and medicine had took about an approved this claim. That's about the way it is."

He puffed at his pipe meditatively, "Hard luck." commented the Kid, sympathetically.

"Tis for a fact," said Shoshone.

With which to build a new house. It is looks as if Ed. were preparing for somebody.

It is reported that Mr. John E. Coburn, formerly in the employ of the Farmers' Trading Co., is soon to erect a new general store at religing this former position owing to one erect a new general atore at motivation of the Farmers' Trading Co., is soon to erect a new general store at religing this former position owing to one erect a new general atore at motivation of the Farmers' Trading Co., is soon to erect a new general atore at religing the Farmers' Trading Co., is soon to erect a new general atore at motivation of York Mills, who died in the Victoria hospital, Fredericton, was large. The functal of Mrs. David Lister and expects to take up work again. The funeral of Mrs. David Lister and expects to take up work again. The funeral of Mrs. David Lister and expects to take up work again. The funeral of Mrs. David Lister and expects to take up work and expects to take up work and expects to take up work and expects to ta

bor a couple of miles from York Mills. He has a crew of men work mig with him, among whom are Jack Lister, Pemberton Little and Roy Coburn. Logs are being hauled to York Mills and sold to Mr. Alexander Little.

Mr. Baldwin and his wife gave show in Taylor's Hall last evening Mr. Baldwin has no arms, is but three feet in height and does mare velous feats by means of his toes. He is also an expert ventriloquist.

Messirs. J. W Taylor and Albert Little were in Fredericton last week firs. Alex. Stene of McAdam, who has been visiting at York Mills, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coburn, of McAdam, have been visiting at York Mills, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coburn, of McAdam, have been visiting at Fredericton last week firs. Lister's funeral. Mrs. Coburn has been lil but is now much improved.

Andrew Moffat has returned from the lumber woods.

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### WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Feb. 18.—A party of twenty-five will leave this county on March 2nd in a tourist car for Van Couver where they will make their homes. Amongst the number will be Miss Lilian McCready, of Jacksonville; Elbridge Hallett and family, of Havlock; H. E. Gardner, of Florenceville; Harry Smullen and Alfred Moores, of Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stewart and child will leave for the same city about March 15.

Miss Edna Hayden of the operating staff of the N. B. Telephone Co., of Woodstock, is in St. John to qualify as instructor of toll line operating for this division.

John Grey has been selected from two score of applicants to fill the position of janitor at the post office, made vacant by the death of Charles Trafton.

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made vacant by the death of Charles Trafton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mair are spending the week in Montreal.

Mrs. J. A. Lindsay and Mrs. J. Turney have left for Barton, Sundury county, to visit their father Mr. McCain.

George Sutton, who fell and dislocated his shoulder while at work last week, is able to be around town today.

George S. MacLauchlan, who has been editor and manager of the Sentinel for about a year, has servered his connection with that journal and may take charge of the Victoria County News, a Liberal newspaper, which has recently been purchased by Hon. J. K. Flemming, Charles Curless and others.

Mayor Jones, Warden Stevens and Couns. Balmain and Traey are ex-

Waterborough, Feb. 12.—The funeral of the late James P. Ferris took place here today, at 10.30 a. m. The funeral service was held in the Baptist Church by the Rev. Mr. McKenzie. The pail bearers were: —Messra. C. H. Mott, C. B. Botsford, William Roberts, and T. A. Ferris.

Interment was made in the Baptist Cemetry at Waterboro.

Mr. C. H. Mott had the misfortune to be struck by a horse he was clipping the other day, in the face, but fortunately received only a lame nose and eye.

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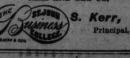
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