

not necessary that there should be the severity or austerity of military discipline, but at the same time there must be only one centre of authority—the teacher, and that authority must be as absolute and unquestioned as that of the general on the field. If the teacher be wisely skilful the pupils will not think of this as *authority* but will find everything so natural that they will think they are governing themselves; but at the same time the pleasantly spoken “if you please, John” will be obeyed as promptly as the soldier obeys the order of his commander.

Now in nine cases out of ten when a class gets a new teacher it acts as if it had never been trained to work. Let the teacher then take a leaf out of the book of the farmer who “hitches up” a pair of colts or a pair of strange horses for the first time. He does not take them at once to the harvest-field for the purpose of doing work. He drives them hither and thither until they become, or show themselves, tractable and obedient; and if he hauls a load in the meantime it is only for the purpose of proving them to be *under control*, or, in other words, *ready for work*. And the teacher must feel that he has the reins, and the pupils must consciously or unconsciously accord him his place before it is of the least use to attempt ordinary school-room work.

N. B. County Institutes.

THE RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE will meet in River Charlo Superior School-house, on the 22nd and 23rd inst. Dr. Inch, Superintendent of Education and Inspector Mersereau are expected to be present.

KINGS COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The seventh Annual meeting of the Kings County Teachers' Institute was convened at Sussex, Sept. 8th and 9th. Mr. W. J. Goodwin, the president, occupied the chair. Inspector Whelpley was present and took an active part in the proceedings.

An enrolment fee of fifty cents for gentlemen and twenty-five cents for ladies was agreed upon.

The election of officers resulted as follows: R. D. Hanson, A. B., President; A. H. Sherwood, Vice-President; C. H. Perry, Sec'y-Treasurer; Miss Louise Wetmore, Miss Beatrice Duke, Members of Executive.

Messrs. McKnight, Lawson, and Richardson were appointed to examine into the financial condition of the Institute.

Miss M. E. Harrington then read a good paper, “How to Teach the Nations of the Earth.” The discussion was participated in by Inspector Whelpley, Messrs. Hanson, Goodwin, Lawson, and Robinson, Editor of the *Record*, and Misses Smith and Duke.

At the afternoon session, Miss Edith Darling read a paper, “Methods of Preserving the Curiosity Natural to Children.” Miss Louise Wetmore read a paper, “Ways and Means of Interesting Children.”

The discussion which followed was taken part in by Inspector Whelpley, Messrs. Hanson, Sherwood, Lawson, Kierstead, Colwell, Richardson, and Misses Duke, Smith, and Rvan.

During the second day's proceedings papers were read by Mr. A. H. Sherwood on Reading, by Mr. W. N. Biggar on Literature, by Mr. A. C. M. Lawson on Teacher versus Parent, by the President, Mr. R. D. Hanson, on the Object of Education, and by Mr. J. W. Richardson, on Thoroughness in Teaching. Discussions on these papers were interesting and spirited. The next Institute will meet at Havelock, on the second Thursday and Friday in September, 1893. The presence of Chief Supt. Dr. Inch and his explanations on text books were much appreciated. Dr. Inch addressed a public meeting on Friday evening. In the course of his remarks he said that Kings County is the best school-attending county in the province in proportion to population.

ST. JOHN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

At a meeting of the Executive of the St. John County Teachers' Institute, St. Martins was determined upon as the next place of meeting, and the dates fixed on were October 6th and 7th. A public meeting will be held in St. Martins and a very pleasant reunion is anticipated.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Final arrangements have been made for holding the Charlotte County Teachers' Institute at North Head, Grand Manan, during the last part of September. Convenient travelling facilities will be afforded to teachers from all parts of the County by the Shore Line Railway and the steamer *Flushing*. Greatly reduced rates are given by both companies. A committee consisting of the teachers of North Head has made ample provision for the accommodation of all who may attend. A public meeting will be held at North Head on the Friday evening of the Institute. It is expected that Messrs. Broad, Vroom and Brittain will be present as Instructors. A very large attendance is looked for, not only of teachers, but of trustees and others interested in the teacher's work, who will be glad of such a good opportunity to visit Grand Manan. The programme this year will differ from that of other years in that the work will be mostly in the open air, if the weather proves favorable. See programme in advertising columns.