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- To authorize a grant of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to the University of New Brunswick and for the authority to issue debentures therefor;
 - To change the date of the holding of the annual Civic Elections from the second Monday in March of each year to the second Monday in January of each year;
 - To provide for the issue of Bonds to the extent of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to provide for permanent side-walks; the proceeds of such bonds to be used to pay the proportion of the cost of such sidewalks payable by the property owners until such proportion is paid by such property owners;
 - To amend the Act, Chapter 32, 57 Victoria 1894, entitled "An Act to Create and Establish a School District out of the parts of the City of Fredericton and of the Parish of Lincoln, Sunbury" by providing for the equalization of the assessment of the said School District.
- Dated this 20th day of February, A. D. 1923.
- G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.

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Following is the full text of the report of school Inspector M. G. Fox addressed to the chief Superintendent and published in the Educational Report:

Sir: I beg leave to submit the following report for the school year ending June 30th, 1922.

During the year I visited every organized district which operated a school and with the exception of a few schools in remote districts two (2) visits were made during the year. There are upwards of 200 organized districts including the graded schools making in all more than 250 departments.

Generally speaking a satisfactory standard of instruction has been maintained and I believe that our teachers are endeavoring more than in the past to put method into their work thus differentiating between the trained teacher and the untrained hearer of lessons. I have at all times emphasized the importance of the employment of method in presenting every principle and have recommended that use of the blackboard for class instruction and individual work. The space allotted to blackboards in many schools is not as large as it should be, and although increased space has been provided in many schools during the past year there are many schools where an energetic teacher could find use for twice the blackboard space at present provided.

A cause for some adverse criticism of the work in rural schools lies in the fact that the pupils are too frequently promoted in Reading without any apparent regard for the requirement in Arithmetic as outlined in the Course of Instruction for ungraded schools on page 2 of the school register. No pupil should be promoted to the Third Reader until he has mastered Arithmetic No. 1. No pupil should be allowed to take up the Fourth Reader until he is familiar with all the principles covered in Arithmetic Nos. 1 and 2. I find that Reading amounts to little more than saying the words in such cases of premature promotion, while lack of expression and lack of comprehension of the subjects are decidedly noticeable.

It is to be regretted that so many trustees and ratepayers are not in accord with them overment for school consolidation. There are districts well situated for consolidation such as Minto which might include South Minto, Newcastle Bridge, Bailey's Point and New Zion; Oromocto which could include No. 3, Burton Waterville, Shirley and Haneytown; Burd's Corner, including Pugh's Crossing, Jones' Forks and Smith's Corner; Oak Hill, including Lynnfield Robinson and Canbosc; and Moore's Mills which could take in outlying districts. The favorable opinion of the Normal School entrance examinations; I frequently find that the younger pupils of these schools are neglected and as a matter of fact are handicapped during their school career and succeed in passing the departmental examinations later as a result while their knowledge of some subjects is quite superficial. With school consolidation and the privileges of the city they would be extended to Whittier's boy "with cheek of ton" and the latter's life correspondingly enriched and enlarged in the healthful and cheerful environment of the able valuation, rate of taxation, cost of maintenance and probable cost of conveyance of pupils to some of these centres where consolidation would seem to be feasible, has given me much hope for better school accommodation in rural communities.

After the initial expenditure for building and equipping these schools is dispensed with, the increase in the rate of taxation would be almost imperceptible. If the Provincial Government would make a larger appropriation towards the initial cost, i. e. for building and equipment, limiting the number of such schools to be established I firmly believe that the effect of such assistance would be surprisingly great.

New School Houses

In several districts ratepayers have seen the necessity for providing better accommodation and have either improved the old buildings or erected new ones.

Upper Gagetown, Gaspereau Station, No. 8 Petersville Lauvina and Coburn, No. 5 Manners Sutton erected new schoolhouses during the year. The building at Gaspereau Station is a pattern for any district. The location is excellent. There are many districts where ratepayers would do well to follow its example, notably Neripis Station, Oak Hill, Tay Mills and No. 3 Kingsclear.

Nashwaaksis has furnished a third department. Tracy Station is now a two department graded school, Union of Nos. 3 and 9A, Gagetown has been accomplished; a third department has been opened and the children of the lower districts are delighted with their new surroundings.

In the Fredericton schools several new departments have been added, details of which will appear in the Secretary's report.

Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was observed on May 5th. The day was fine and good work was accomplished in many districts, where interested ratepayers came to the assistance of teachers and pupils.

I would respectfully call to the attention of the teachers Regulation 20. In several cases, reports were not mailed to me before the 15th of May. I cannot in future recommend credit for the day unless teachers comply with the requirements. A proper observance of the Day must include at least the planting of a tree or preparation of a flower bed or the planting of a shrub.

Visit to the Normal School

On Nov. 16th with the other inspectors I visited the Normal School and had the privilege of observing the method of teaching and discipline in the different classrooms. I derived much pleasure and profit from that visit and have since made good use of the information which I obtained. The Trustees' Convention in the Normal School Gymnasium on the 17th and 18th of November was also an innovation.

The Women's Institute

I cannot overestimate the value of this "For Home and Country" organization. In many sections of this inspectorial district, teachers have been assisted in providing hot lunches for their pupils during the noon hour, apparatus has been procured through the efforts of the organization and it has come to be looked upon as indispensable. Such an institution with no barriers of class or creed and with the interest of the school at heart will undoubtedly be of great assistance to teachers in improving the status of our citizenship.

The School Flag

That there is a general disregard for the provisions of Regulation 56 is evinced by the fact that not more than 50 p. c. of the schools of this district are supplied with flags, flagpoles and hilyards. In several districts the flags are not hoisted for want of hilyards, the cost of which would be a pittance. I believe that the flying of the school flag would foster a community's interests in the school and inculcate a greater love for school, home and country. The summary of minor improvements given in this report does not include anything of this nature; but I have assurances which are encouraging.

Instruction in Music

Less than 20 p. c. of the teachers of this district make any attempt to give any systematic instruction in this important subject. There are many schools however whose opening and closing exercises include the singing of appropriate songs. While visiting the schools of Fredericton I had on different occasions the pleasure of observing the methods of Prof. Harrison the instructor. The "note singing" of the children of the primary grades was excellent. At Devon also, the work was of a high character. I can understand the difficulties of accomplishing such results in the rural schools with five or more classes; but the habit of note singing would result in making a more cheerful school environment.

York-Sunbury Teacher's Institute

The Institute was held in the Assembly Hall of the Fredericton High School on December 22nd and 23rd. The attendance was unusually large. Interesting opening addresses were delivered by Dr. Bridges of the Normal school and Secretary Hanson. Papers were read by Miss Grace Smith, Miss Erma Fash, Dr. B. C. Foster, Dr. Bridges, Messrs. J. Page, J. West Smith and P. E. Monahan. The institute was characterized by frank and profitable discussion on all papers. The officers for the next year are: president, C. B. Burden, Fredericton; vice-president, Miss Grace Smith, Fredericton; secretary, treasurer, J. E. Page, Fredericton; members of the executive, Miss Annie Sanson, Nashwaaksis; Miss Zula Hallett, Marysville; Newton Fanjoy, McAdam.

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The following is a summary of the improvements made in the schools of this inspectorial district during the year:

Maquapit Lake—New furniture.
Shirley Settlement—New ceiling of beaver-board.
No. 1, Manguerville—New out houses and map of Canada.
Barker's Point—Interior painting.
Scotch Settlement—Map of Canada new blackboard and interior painting.
Upper Hainesville—Map of the World.
Mouth Keswick—Interior painting, blackboards painted, map of Canada, new window shades and platform repaired.
Currie Mountain—Interior Painting teacher's table and chair provided.
No. 3 Kingsclear—Interior painting and map of the world.
Garden Creek—Additional new furniture.
Lower Line Queensbury—Interior painting.
No. 3 Queensbury—Maps of Canada and Maritime Provinces.
Upper Queensbury—Blackboards painted.
Lower Southampton—New Stove, new teachers desk, case of maps of different countries.
Upper Prince William—Outside painting and map of Canada.
Brockway—Interior painting and interior repair work.
Baillie, No. 2 St. James—Outside painting, maps of Canada World & Europe.
Devolve—New Globe.
Pomeroy Ridge—Outside painting.
Moore's Mills—Interior painting & new window shades.
Greenock—Outside painting and map of Canada.
Flume Ridge—Outside painting.
No. 4, Manners-Sutton—Exterior and interior painting.
Morrisdale—Interior painting.
South Minto—Map of Maritime Provinces, out-houses repaired and new bell.
Burden—Outside painting.
No. 6, Kingsclear—Levelling and resilling of building, new teacher's desk.
Petersville Church—New blackboard.
Hibernia—New window shades, map of Canada, dictionary and globe.
Douglas Harbor—Blackboards painted.
New Zion—New Blackboards and map of Maritime Provinces.
Ripples, No. 7 Sheffield—New desk for teacher, dictionary, and map of Canada.
Lakeville—Corner—Map of world dictionary, teacher's desk and new blackboard.
No. 2 Manguerville—new stovepipe.
Macinac—Map of the world.
Upper Caverhill—New register cover.
Upper Hainesville—Map of the World.
Smith's Corner—New maps of Canada, World and Maritime Provinces.
Estey's Bridge—New chair for the teacher and minor repairs.
Mill Road—New window shades.
Waasis—new hlyoplate blackboard, four new window shades and map of Canada.
Traceville—new window shades.
Beaver Dam—New globe.
New Maryland—New wood shed, dictionary and window shades.
Mill Settlement—New stove.

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No. 2, Burton—Interior painting, maps of Canada and Maritime Provinces.

Springhill—New atlas.
Pokick—New hardwood floor and outside painting.
Pleasant Villa—New hardwood floor.
The Barenly—Map of Canada and globe.
No. 6, Kingsclear—New hardwood floor.
Haneytown—new wood shed.
Gaspereau Station—new furniture, map of Canada and grounds fenced.
Tay Settlement—Building enlarged, new cement wall and hardwood floor.
Pleasant Valley—Maps of Canada and World, new window shades, dictionary.
Zionville—New out-houses.
Durham Bridge—Interior painting and porch repaired.
Upper Penniac—Map of Canada.
No. 5, Kingsclear—Map of Canada.
Magundy—New wood shed.
York Mills—Outside painting.
Upper Brockway—New outside platform.
Andersonville—Map of Canada.
Robinson, No. 8, St. James—New out-houses.
Scotch Ridge—New dictionary and window shades.
No. 7½, Dumbarton—Map of the World.
Sorrel Ridge—New globe.
Coburn—New furniture (individual), teacher's table.
No. 4, Manners-Sutton—New hardwood floor.
Cork Settlement—New dictionary and map of Canada.
Smithfield—Wood shed repaired.
Currieburg—Teacher's desk and chair.
South Portage—Interior painting.

Prizes For Physical Training.

Following is a list of the names of teachers to whom prizes were awarded for proficiency in Physical training:—

Graded School

1st Prize—Emma C. Betts, Charlotte st. School, Fredericton.
2nd Prize—Prim. W. M. Burns, Model School, Fredericton.

Rural Schools

1st. Prize—Bessie Thompson, Lower Southampton, York Co.
2nd Prize—Jean Lawson, Queens-town, Queens Co.

Semi-Rural Schools.

1st. Prize—Stella A. Tracey, Fredericton Junction, Sunbury Co.
2nd. prize—Grace M. Hyslop, Moore's Mills, Charlotte Co.

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. FOX,
Gagetown, N. B., Dec. 4th, 1922.

CHILDREN WENT TO SCHOOL DRUNK

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VISITING CARDS

The Mail has secured a large stock of ladies and gents visiting cards by way of a slant and is prepared to turn them over to the public at a low figure. On Monday and Tuesday of each week until further notice the price with your name neatly printed thereon either in script or old English type will be from fifty to seventy-five cents per package, according to quality. On all other days the minimum price will be one dollar per package. Send in your orders at once and state the kind of type wanted. In the case of mail orders add five cents to cover postage.

FINE PHOTOPLAY AT CAPITOL THEATRE

"The Town that Forgot God" is the feature Picture Play at the Capitol on Monday and the first three days of the week. We have seen flood and storm scenes on the screen but never one that could equal in any way the remarkable series of views presented in the William Fox picture, "The Town That Forgot God." It is by far the most astounding thing of its kind ever photographed. It is not just a flash or two but many hundred feet of thrills any one of which would make a picture talked about, but Harry Millarde was not satisfied with one or two big stunts in these scenes. Far from it. He has pictured them coming so thick and fast for some ten minutes or more than they cannot be counted. If for nothing else than this storm scene "The Town That Forgot God" is a great picture, but there is more, much more. For instance, there is the unusually capable acting of young Bunny Grauer.

N. Y. CITY WANTS TO PURCHASE RYE

New York, March 19—Rye whisky was quoted in New York today at \$3 a gallon, said to be the lowest price on aged liquor in the wood stock since the advent of prohibition.

As many gallons as needed can be purchased for this amount, William C. Hecht, United States marshal told New York city's Board of Estimate. The city wants to buy the liquor for hospitals, as the recent influenza epidemic has caused a shortage in several institutions.

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