



## MACDONALD COLLEGE.

Owing to hindrances of various kinds arising from the business of construction and equipment, the opening of Macdonald College, in 1907, was delayed a few weeks later than the regular time for beginning the session, which is the first Thursday in September.

The work of the College is arranged in what are called three Schools,—a School for Teachers, a School of Agriculture, and a School of Household

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Science. The School for Teachers was opened on November 5th, the School of Household Science on November 7th, and the School of Agriculture on November 12th. The number of students registered was 215, of whom 115 were in the School for Teachers, 62 in the School of Household Science, and 38 in the School of Agriculture. Of the total number of students in attendance, 189 were from the Province of Quebec, 10 from Ontario, and 16 from the Maritime Provinces. In January and February 44 additional students took short courses in Cereal Husbandry, Horticulture and Poultry Keeping.

The Officers of Instruction number 32, besides 4 teachers in the Protestant Day School of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, which is also the School for Observation and Practice for the School for Teachers. The Officers of Administration for the business of the college, residences and library number 17. There are 80 more or less permanent employees in the various departments on the farm,—cereal husbandry, live stock, horticulture, poultry, power-house, residences, etc.

A few changes occurred in the staff during the year. Miss Bainbridge, Dean of the School of Household Science, resigned to return to the United States. Mr. V. R. Gardner, instructor in Horticulture, left to take an important position in an Agricultural College in the United States. Miss Rowson, librarian, withdrew to be married.

The courses of study were followed as outlined in the Announcement and according to the timetables, as approved from time to time by the Committees. Work in the School for Teachers is under the supervision of the Teachers' Training Committee and is carried on in accordance with the regulations of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction. In the School of Household Science the students have an average of 25 hours per week of class-room and laboratory work. In the School of Agriculture the students' time-table calls for from 31 to 34 hours per week of class-room and laboratory work. During the first year rather more than half of the time of the students is given

to what may be called the "occupational" subjects, such as Animal Husbandry, Cereal Husbandry, Horticulture, Poultry Keeping; and the remainder of the time to English, Mathematics, History, Nature Study, and the Sciences. In the second year rather more than one-third of the time is devoted to the occupational subjects and the remainder to English, History, and the Sciences.

For the Library about 8,000 selected volumes have been acquired and are being catalogued and arranged with card indexes.

A feature of the College life is the gathering of the whole student body and staff in the Assembly Hall at noon three times per week—sometimes daily. That occasion is used for making announcements and explanations which cannot well be put on bulletin boards. Some member of the Staff gives a brief address, or a reading, "with an uplift and an outlook to it." Undoubted benefit accrues to the individual members from thus meeting together frequently in a way which makes the College body find itself as a whole with all its varying complexities. The use of a fine pipe organ under a competent organist adds to the interest and value of these Assembly periods. Staff meetings are arranged to be held once a fortnight.

Practically all the students are in residence; only four resided with parents or other relatives. All the students take their meals together in a common dining hall. In the Women's Residence the students have the benefit of supervision, counsel, and other help from the house mother. Besides her there is a trained nurse, who also gives instruction in home nursing. The food and its serving is looked after by the housekeeper and dietician.

There is a woman physician for the women's department. The cordial co-operation of the physician, the house-mother, the trained nurse and the director of physical training has resulted in manifest benefit to the physical health of the women students. The initial physical examination revealed the fact that 30% of the women students were physically unfit for severe exercises in the gymnasium or else-

where. At the close of the Session the physician's report stated that the health and strength of 80% of the students had been greatly improved.

In the Men's Residence the welfare of the students is looked after by a matron; and for the Session of 1908-09 a resident physician has supervision of their health. In 1907-08 one death occurred, due to a disease acquired outside the College premises.

The general water supply of the College is from the Ottawa river, which at the intake is equal in quality to the Ottawa river in the Lake of Two Mountains. In addition a drinking water system is installed, by means of which the students have for drinking purposes water from a rock well of excellent quality.

Much of the discipline of the College is upheld by a Court of Honor chosen by the students in the Women's Residence; and by a Residence Committee elected from among the students in the Men's Residence. These Committees act separately and each in co-operation with the College authorities.

The progress of the students has been most obvious, not merely in the acquisition of knowledge, and in ability, but also in learning the fine art of living together in comfort with mutual benefit and happiness.

In the School for Teachers tuition is free to residents of Canada. In the School of Agriculture tuition is free at present to residents of Canada; to others the fee is \$50 for the Session. In the School of Household Science the fee for tuition is \$25 for the Session.

Charges for board and lodging are, for each occupant of a double room with single beds \$3.25 per week. A charge is made for all articles sent to the College laundry. The rates charged for board have not been quite adequate to meet the cost of house-keeping, which includes the services of the house-mother, matron and trained nurse.

The attendance at the Protestant Day School of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, which is also the observation and practice school for the School for Teachers, has grown from some 18 pupils with one teacher before the College was established to 98 pupils and four teachers.