

EDUCATION

above the entrance attend a school having two or more departments, the school board may make application for intermediate standing. In order to gain this they must employ a principal holding at least a first-class professional certificate and an assistant holding at least a second-class professional. Such a school is entitled to a special grant of \$200 per annum from the Department. There are now sixty-seven of these schools in Manitoba, most of them employing from four to five teachers in public and high school work, and with an average attendance of more than twenty pupils per secondary school. In addition to these there are thirty-seven larger secondary institutions, known as high or collegiate schools, employing two or more teachers devoting their whole time to secondary work, and with larger enrolment than is required for intermediate standing. These schools receive liberal grants, determined by their enrolment, equipment and the scope of their curriculum.

Night Schools.—The value of the night school is becoming generally recognized. By its aid the adult foreigner is enabled to gain a working knowledge of the English language, young people who left school at an early age are assisted in making good their deficiencies, and the ambitious and energetic are enabled to gain technical qualification for the occupations which they follow. This work was carried on in some forty centres in the province during the past year.

Special Subjects.—The secondary schools of Manitoba offer the usual course leading to university matriculation and a general cultural course for teachers. In addition to these, certain schools provide instruction in commercial subjects and special courses in agriculture and home economics, while the technical schools in the city of Winnipeg give training in the various branches of household art and domestic science, as well as in printing, electrical working, blacksmithing, machine shop practice, cabinet-making, pattern making and mechanical drawing.

Training of Teachers.—Any applicant for admission to a normal school must hold a grade XI certificate, which means the satisfactory completion of three years' work in the high school. The full normal school course for a second class professional or permanent license is thirty-eight weeks, which includes four weeks spent at the Agricultural College for special instruction in elementary agriculture, nature study and school gardening. Students may complete the year's training in one course in the provincial normal schools at Winnipeg and Brandon, or they may take an elementary course of fifteen weeks and receive third class professional certificates valid for teaching purposes for three years; after teaching for at least one year they may return to the provincial normal school to complete their training for the permanent license. Classes in the elementary course are held annually at Portage la Prairie, Manitou and Dauphin, as well as at Winnipeg and Brandon. The Winnipeg school aims chiefly to prepare teachers for the urban centres, while the Brandon institution gives special attention to the rural problem.

Teachers' Special Course.—Each year the Summer School of Science and Handicrafts enables teachers desirous of strengthening their teaching equipment to take special courses in school gardening, nature study, wood and iron-working, domestic science, household art, playground supervision and oral French for High School teachers.