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164 Students at Prince Rupert Branch of Northern Polytechnic Being Instructed in 27 Courses

Since the inception of the Northern Polytechnic Institute, which commenced on October 2 under the direction of J. Pinder-Moss, the work of the various classes has progressed very satisfactorily. A total of 164 students are receiving instruction at night school, the classes embodying twenty-seven subjects. The subjects, which are being taught include drawing and art, gas engineering, machine shop practice, shorthand and typewriting, business English and arithmetic, book-keeping, electricity, boat designing and mechanical drawing, plain sewing, dressmaking, millinery, English for foreigners, geometry for sheet metal workers, steam engineering, public speaking, French, chemistry and Junior High School and matriculation subjects.

Machine Shop

Thirteen students are at present studying motor construction and machine shop practice, including lathe work, under the direction of A. Akerberg and H. D. Robinson, at the Akerberg-Thomson Machine Shops and King Edward High school. The class, which is a very enthusiastic one, is now engaged on the construction of a 12 h.p. three cylinder gas engine. This engine is being entirely built by the students from the bed up and has now reached the stage of assembly. The pistons are now being worked upon and two of the three cylinders are ready for fitting.

The remainder of the class is busy making machine tools which will be used in operating the lathes and other machinery.

Mechanical Drawing

The mechanical drawing class under the direction of Glen McMillan, at the Booth school, is at present studying the elementary principles of screw threads, bolts, nuts and riveted joints. The boat designing section of the class is confining its studies mainly to the laying out of small coastwise boats, fishing boats and pleasure craft. The students are showing a keen interest in their work. The class at present comprises 14 students.

French Class

The elementary and advanced French class, under the tutelage of A. Auger, consists of ten students and is located at the King Edward school. The class is studying under the Berlitz system and no English is allowed to be spoken during the class session. All explanations and corrections are given and received in French. This class is showing a ninety per cent attendance which speaks for the keenness of the students.

Commercial Class

The commercial class, embodying typewriting, shorthand and spelling, under the direction of Miss E. M. Earl, at the King Edward school, is making rapid strides.

The students are already able to take slow dictation in shorthand which is rapidly and accurately transcribed. They have already completed three budgets in type writing which is particularly accurate and neat. This class has ten students already enrolled with a ninety per cent attendance.

Drawing and Art

The drawing and art class including freehand drawing, black and white, pastels, and oil color work under the supervision of Mrs. Edith Goodrick, at the King Edward school, has already executed some extremely creditable work. This class also includes the students taking the high school course and special students who are studying art alone.

Chemistry

The Chemistry class, under the direction of E. A. Mann, at the King Edward school, is composed of eight students from the General hospital who are studying practical chemistry as affecting their special calling and includes chemistry of the body. The nurses are taking a very keen interest in the subject and the fact that the class has a hundred per cent attendance speaks for the enthusiasm of the students.

Book-keeping, etc.

The book-keeping, business English and arithmetic class, under H. White, at the King Edward school, is at present studying cash accounts and the cash book. In letter writing the construction of exposition paragraphs is being carried on. The arithmetic is being adapted to the special needs of the students.

Electricity

The class in elementary electricity and magnetism, under the direction of John J. Little, at the King Edward school, has an enrollment of ten students who are making excellent progress.

The class has reached the study of magnetism and magnetic fields, the construction of a magnet, etc. The students are now reaching the point where the study is of particular interest to the practical man.

Public Speaking

The class of public speaking under the instruction of Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant, at the King Edward school, shows an attendance of ninety per cent with an enrollment of ten students. The class has completed the elementary work including breathing, pronunciation, emphasis, the placing of the voice and breathing exercises, and is now preparing short addresses and memory work.

Dressmaking

A comprehensive program is being covered by the dressmaking class which is under Mrs. Eda Hudson at the Booth school. The articles of wearing apparel completed include a cotton house dress, short waist in flannel material, and one in silk. The class is now busy on the making of a skirt in serge or woollen material. Following these articles the class will make a party dress in silk, a one-piece jumper dress in serge, and a Tuxedo coat to match, a summer dress in gingham, a visiting gown and an evening dress will complete the course. This is the largest class of the Polytechnic and has 26 students.

Millinery

The millinery class has 11 students enrolled under the supervision of Miss P. E. Smith at the King Edward school. This class has completed lessons in bandeaux, linings, milliner's folds, cord covering and drafting of patterns, and is now in the midst of constructing its first model hat stretching materials on beams and the fitting of the crown. The completion of six hats will be undertaken during the course.

English for Foreigners

The English for foreigners class is under the tutelage of A. J. Lancaster with six students, who are studying writing, spelling, reading and pronunciation of the English language.

Steam Engineering

The steam engineering class under E. N. Valentine at the King Edward school has an enrollment of eight students. The class is studying steam engineering as required for the boiler inspector's examinations for the province of B.C. Visits have been paid by the students to the city power plant and the Dry Dock, and prospective visits are contemplated to the Gold Storage and Shewan's plants.

High School Class

The class in high school preparation and matriculation is being conducted by E. A. Donohoe, L.L.B., A. Auger, B.A., R. A. Fisher, B.S.A. and Mrs. Goodrick. This class is making excellent progress with an enrollment of 8 students. The students are preparing for the University matriculation examinations.

The geometry class under Norman C. Robinson, and the geology class under J. Mitchell, with a total enrollment of 12 students, are making rapid headway. An excellent collection of mineral samples has been lent to the N.P.I. by M. M. Stephens for the use of the geology class.

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POLICE REPORT FOR MONTH OCTOBER

Total of Fines Was \$3099—Fifty-One Cases Dealt With

According to the report of Chief W. H. Vickers, submitted to the police commissioners, at their meeting last night, the sum of \$3099 was collected in fines during the month of October. There had been 54 cases dealt with. Thirty-four convictions were secured, two cases were dismissed and 15 were pending. Twenty-seven people were taken in raids and six cases of assault were placed on the books with one which was dismissed. Three were

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In this connection Clerk E. A. Woods submitted figures from the annual reports of the New Westminster and Nanaimo police departments showing their receipts and expenditures in comparison with statements which were made some time ago by Ald. Kerr in regard to the local force.

John Reid returned to U.S. on last night's train.

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