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FROM an exchange we learn that Boston capitalists are working to get control of the birch in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. This is a matter of some concern to school-masters.

THE death of Rev. Father Lefebre, who for the past thirty years has been the honored head of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, removes one who may be said to have founded higher education among the Acadians of the Atlantic Provinces. His scholarly and well-stored mind, his ripe powers as pastor, teacher, and counsellor, were constantly and unselfishly placed at the disposal of those who gathered year by year in constantly increasing numbers at Memramcook. It is safe to say, that no pioneer in education in these provinces has done more to infuse into the youth committed to his care the spirit of education than has the zealous and distinguished teacher who has just passed away.

A Natural History Society has been formed at Fredericton, which starts out with much promise of success, having associated with it such scientific workers as Dr. Bailey, Dr. Cox, and Mr. Brittain.

THE yearly Bulletin of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, has just been published. In it are many valuable and important papers, showing

the result of the active spirit of research which characterizes the members of this useful society.

THE generous gift of E. H. Wilmot, Esq., of twenty acres within the city of Fredericton for a public park, with \$10,000 for its preservation and improvement, will be of incalculable benefit to that city. The St. John Horticultural and Park Association has secured over 200 acres of land, which for picturesqueness and natural beauty could scarcely be excelled anywhere, and the Association only awaits public encouragement to transform it into a splendid park. Mount Pleasant Park, Halifax, and Victoria Park, Truro, a description of which from *Garden and Forest*, on another page, will be read with interest, show what Nova Scotia has already done in this direction.

THE *Messenger and Visitor* for February 6th, was an education number, a great deal of its space being given up to the publication of papers read at the recent Baptist Educational Institute held in St. John. Among these are papers by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, President of Acadia College, Rev. W. C. Vincent, B. A., Sackville, Rev. W. Camp, Hillsboro, A. C., Prof. F. R. Haley of Acadia College, and H. C. Creed, M. A., Fredericton, with a paper by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, who traces the progress of Baptist academic work in New Brunswick. These papers are interesting and instructive, and with the discussions at the Institute which were published in an earlier number of the *Messenger and Visitor*, show that the Baptists are keenly alive to the importance of education, and take a just pride in the excellent institutions at Acadia, which have done much, not only for them but for the interests of higher education in these provinces. The graduates of Acadia have taken leading positions not only as pastors and teachers, but in the world of letters and science as well, as many names on her long list of distinguished graduates abundantly show. And Dr. Sawyer is respected, not only by the body whose educational interests he looks after with such zeal and earnestness, but by all, no matter what their creed, who recognize his efforts to build deep and broad the foundations of educational work, either in school or college.