

St. John is usually delightful, and its bracing atmosphere, the scenery about the city, the numerous excursions arranged for, the excellent and varied course of study, will tempt, it is hoped, several hundred teachers and students to spend a fortnight in St. John.

The session will begin on Monday evening, August 1st, with a public meeting, presided over by the Mayor, and addressed by the Lieutenant Governor and prominent citizens. It will end on Friday evening, August 12th, with a *conversazione*, when the New Brunswick Natural History Society will entertain the visitors socially and scientifically. During the fortnight, in addition to minor excursions, there will be two great field days—one, to view the magnificent scenery of the St. John river and study its various natural features; the other, to visit some point on the Bay of Fundy, probably St. Martins. The City Council of St. John has voted a sufficient sum to defray the expenses of one of these field days, and the other *may*, and it is hoped will, be provided for, so that it will entail no expense on the students of the school.

Read the advertisement in another column and make arrangements to attend the Summer School.

EDUCATIONAL Conventions for this summer: The New Brunswick Educational Institute at St. John, June 28th-30th; the Educational Association of the Dominion of Canada at Montreal, July 5th-8th; The American Institute of Instruction at Narraganset, R. I., July 5th-8th; The National Educational Association at Saratoga, July 12th-15th; The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, August 1st-13th.

SEVERAL articles crowded out of this number will appear in July.

PREPARATIONS are being made for an exhibit of school work at Montreal during the meeting of the Canadian Educational Association. We hope the Atlantic Provinces will be well represented.

IN a pamphlet recently issued at Cambridge, Mass., containing comments on the United States Geological Survey, the author, Jules Marcou, makes the following allusions to a geologist of New Brunswick, the value of whose work has become so well known abroad that he is justly enrolled among the "world's geologists." "There are now four foreign geologists particularly well trained and entirely qualified to make a good survey of our oldest palæozoic rocks. One resides at St. John, N. B., Mr. G. F. Matthew; the second is at Lille, in France, Mr. Chas. Barrois; the third is at

Christiana, Norway, Mr. W. C. Brogger; and the fourth is at Stockholm, Mr. G. Holen. At least two of these four gentlemen ought to be secured by the Geological Survey, giving them handsome salaries and proper situations on the survey."

MANY teachers and students have during recent seasons found the St. John Business College an excellent place for spending their summer vacation. The daily sessions are short, the course of study is interesting and of that practical character that gives assurance of immediate results. Then St. John summer weather is so delightfully cool that study is just as pleasant and profitable as at any other season. The addition of so capable an instructor as Mr. Pringle to the teaching staff will make this summer's vacation course more attractive than ever before.

"THE Beauty of Our Trees in Spring" is the title of the leading article in *Garden and Forest* for June 8th. It shows truly that the lover of nature can find even more to admire in the varied tints of the trees as they open out in spring, than in the gorgeous colors of autumn.

THE public closing exercises of the New Brunswick Normal School took place at Fredericton on Friday, June 10. About 250 students were in attendance. Classes were examined in the morning by Principal Mullin, Professors Creed, and Brittain and Miss Clark. In the afternoon there was a musical and literary entertainment. Miss Daisy Hanson was the valedictorian. The Stanley Medal for the senior class was won by Miss Harriet H. Richardson of Albert County, and for the junior class by Miss Laura Wilson of St. John. The total number of applications for license examination is 312.

THE St. John Daily *Sun* issued on Saturday, June 11th, a supplement of 16 pages, describing with great wealth of illustration, the cities of Fredericton and Marysville. This splendid edition is creditable to the publishers, and to the citizens of Fredericton and Marysville.

THE Royal Society of Canada met at Ottawa on the 30th of May. The first annual report of the Botanical Club of Canada was read, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to the secretary, Dr. A. H. MacKay of Halifax, for his active work in organizing the club. Dr. Lawson of Halifax was re-elected president, and Dr. MacKay secretary. The following secretaries of provinces were re-elected: New Brunswick, G. U. Hay, St. John; Nova Scotia, E. J. Lay, Amherst; Prince Edward Island, Francis Bain, North River.