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THE APPROACHING HOLIDAYS.

Before another issue of our periodical will have passed through the printer's hands, the June examinations will have come and gone, and the prospects for another school year will be blending with the lighter work which comes with the remaining weeks of the school year. Some have argued that these examinations ought to be held at the end of the month rather than at the beginning, in order that the last three weeks might not be wasted; but the argument has lost its force in presence of what our more careful teachers can do and have done to make the last three weeks of the school year the most profitable and probably the most pleasant of any part of it. There are the specimen sheets to be prepared for the department, and lighter work of the same character to engage the attention of the pupils; and above all, there is the preparation for the lessons to be learned out of the school during the holidays, if only our teachers and pupils could be made to see how important the out-door training is. Last year there appeared in the *Montreal Star*, a very suggestive article in this connection, and the author of the article will, no doubt, excuse us if we revise it a little in order to make it applicable to every school district in Canada.

In a month or so, a great many young people in our country will have bidden school-work good-bye. What will they do