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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

ARBOR DAY will take place on the 15th of May in all the inspectoral districts of New Brunswick, except that of Inspector Brydges, where it occurs on the 8th.

MR. W. H. CULBERT, nurseryman, Sussex, can supply trees for Arbor Day, as will be seen by his advertisement in another column. Mr. Culbert's trees, as we can testify, are delivered in excellent condition and are healthy and make vigorous growers.

THE graduates this year from the several faculties of Dalhousie University numbered forty-two—larger than ever before in the history of the institution. The leader of the class was Miss Agnes S. Baxter, of Halifax, the first lady who has ever taken first rank honors in mathematics and physics and the Sir Wm. Young gold medal. The convocation proceedings, held April 23rd, were of a very interesting character.

THE new advertisements in this month's REVIEW are of interest to all our readers; that of Edward S. Carter, the publisher of *Progress*; S. F. Heustis, Halifax; C. E. Burnham & Sons, St. John; the Summer School at Harvard. Trustees especially should read the advertisement of Miss Barlow. The arrangement which she has designed and patented has received very warm commendation on the part of educationists.

MR. CHALMERS of the geological survey, Ottawa, in his recent report says of Mr. Wilson of the Leinster street school, St. John: "Mr. W. J. Wilson rendered me good service, and has now acquired such a knowledge of surface geology as to make him an efficient and valuable coadjutor in the work."

THE Annual Convention of the National Educational Association of the United States for the present year will be held at Toronto, Canada, July 14th to 17th. Most of the railroads have agreed to give half-rates, plus \$2.00 membership fee to all who attend the meeting. Toronto people are making great preparations to welcome and entertain the visiting teachers, and numerous cheap excursions are being arranged to all important points on the great lakes, the St. Lawrence, and the seaside, after the convention. The official bulletin, containing programme for the meeting, railway arrangements, and all other particulars, is ready, and will be sent free to any one desiring it, on their dropping a post card to Mr. H. J. Hill, secretary local committee, Toronto. Among those who read papers are A. H. MacKay, Esq., of the Halifax Academy, and Miss Narraway and Miss Bartlett of the St. John High School.

We have it on the very best authority that there is a strong and generally expressed desire, not only on the part of City Boards but of County Trustees as well, that the summer vacation should be extended. The N. B. Board of Education must be aware of this from the number of applications it receives each year for an extension of holidays which, up to this time, have been uniformly refused. Both City and County Boards in a number of cases now take the matter in their own hands, and, of course, the teachers lose the Provincial grant for the extra days taken.

We hope the Education Department will see its way clear to take action in this matter for the present year, and at least extend the vacation in country districts to the second Monday in August, and in cities and towns to the last Monday in August. We would guarantee such action against complaint from any quarter.