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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

AS THE time draws near for the first united gathering of the teachers of the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the interest in the event is greatly quickened, and the prospect is that the attendance will be very large—not less than 700 or 800 visitors.

Such distinguished men as Sir William Dawson, Dr. Fitch, Colonel and Mrs. Parker, Prof. Huling, Dr. Schurman, in addition to the best educational talent that the Atlantic Provinces afford, is an inducement to be present that cannot be overlooked, and the inspiration gained by listening to such men will be full recompense for any sacrifice that may be made.

But there should be a great deal of pleasure in looking forward to a meeting which marks the bringing together for the first time, for social and professional intercourse, of the educational workers of these Provinces. Such intercourse with one another, and with some of the leading spirits of other countries, cannot but have a stimulating effect on our educa-

tional thought and action that will endure for years to come.

The cool atmosphere, and the many natural attractions about St. John, will make it an invigorating holiday trip. A list of hotels and boarding houses is published elsewhere, and we would recommend intending visitors to secure accommodations beforehand, as the influx of visitors to St. John during the hot season usually taxes the hotel accommodations to the utmost.

Arrangements have been made to secure reduced fares on all lines of railway and steamers to St. John, to those who attend the convention and register as members.

It will be noticed that there are a few changes in the programme of the Interprovincial Convention, which is republished in this issue. In addition to these, it may be stated that Principal Creighton, of the North Sydney Academy, will read a paper on "English in the High School," should Principal Cameron be unavoidably absent, as the result of recent illness.

THE N. B. Natural History Society will tender a reception to Sir William Dawson during his visit to St. John next week. His Honor, Lieut.-Governor Tilley, as patron of the Society, will preside. The reception will take place on Thursday afternoon.

THERE is a prospect of King's College, Nova Scotia, uniting with Dalhousie; in which case the prestige, wealth and alumni of each would henceforth hold the same relation to the united university.

MR. W. F. GANONG, A.M., of Cambridge, has conferred a great service on Canadian zoologists by the publication of his work on the Echinoderms of New Brunswick in this year's bulletin of the N. B. Natural History Society. It contains a carefully prepared list of the forms known to occur here, with notes on their occurrence and means of their identification.

ONE who has Webster in his library has a dictionary, gazetteer and biographical dictionary in one volume. It is difficult to conceive how any working teacher can get along without it.