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The administration of the Educational Review solicits suggestions and criticism from its readers. We wish to enlarge the magazine next year. We are anxious, however, to serve the best interests of our readers. This can best be determined by suggestions from the readers, themselves.

Considerable attention has been given to collecting and arranging material for Arbor Day. We hope that it will prove of some assistance to the teachers of the Atlantic Provinces.

The old English May Day custom has little place in Canada. Would it not be interesting to revive this custom for Empire Day celebrations?

EDITORIALS

ARBOR DAY. The custom of observing Arbor Day has become so much of a habit with some of us that we may overlook the value to be gained from this celebration. In its inception Arbor Day was dedicated to tree-planting, accompanied by ceremonies "intended to press upon those present the beauty of trees and their effect in improving the appearance of the school ground" and the community. Soon this interest was extended to include flowers and birds. We should make much of this day set aside to instill within the child an interest and appreciation of these beautiful manifestations of nature.

Through Arbor Day an economic and civic interest may also be developed. The effect of trees and flowers upon the appearance of the school grounds or street lead the child to a realization of the value of community foresight. The attention to cleaning up the school premises emphasized on Arbor Day should be extended throughout the year, and the attempt should be made to include the home and community in this oversight.

BIRD STUDY. "The time of the singing of birds is come." Although this is not literally true in our land, yet the time is at hand. Some of the hardier species of birds have been with us all winter,