

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE "Praying Mantis," a very interesting and rare orthopter, has been taken near Windsor, N. S., by Professor Roberts, of Kings College.

WHILE 450 teachers were present at the Educational Association of Nova Scotia, only three Inspectors were present this year.

BEFORE our next issue many of the Nova Scotian County Academies will proceed to finish the remaining two months of the summer term with only one-third of the usual attendance. Would not the alteration of term limits and making the term annual obviate this evil?

THE St. John Board of School Trustees, at its last meeting, raised the salary of Mrs. Carr, Principal of the Victoria School, to \$1,000. This decision of the Board will commend itself to all who are desirous of seeing this excellent school maintain the reputation which Mrs. Carr has so well earned for it. Mrs. Carr has signified her willingness to remain—a decision which her friends in St. John, and they are many, will hear with the greatest satisfaction.

REV. M. HARVEY, F. R. G. S., St. John's, Nfld., has successfully guided the United States fish commission schooner *Grampus* to the Funk Islands in search of skeletons of the Great Auk, which has been extinct for more than half a century. A perfect skeleton of the Great Auk would bring from \$100 to \$150 at one of the great museums. The *Grampus* was successful in getting specimens of everything on the island.

THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION at Chicago in July, was attended by over 15,000 teachers, and was one of the most remarkable gatherings ever held on this continent. A gentleman who attended from these provinces and who is interested in every phase of educational development has promised the readers of the REVIEW for September some impressions of this great convention. They will be looked forward to with interest.

THE Educational Associations of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have unanimously agreed to recommend an interprovincial convention for the three provinces. P. E. I., through Superintendent Montgomery was the first to suggest it. An interprovincial convention once every three years might prove to be a very beneficial institution. We trust the committees entrusted with the matter will make arrangements without any delay. The earlier these arrangements are known the better.

OUR Ferndale Series will for some time be devoted to lessons on insects affecting our agricultural and horticultural interest, for the double reason: because such instruction is required to be given in Grades VII. and VIII. of the Provincial Course of Study for the Schools of Nova Scotia, and there is no text book in existence adapted for such work to the conditions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. We regret that Nos. 1 and 2 of the series are already exhausted; but a summary may be given in future if generally desired.

WE ARE indebted to William Saunders, F.R.S.C., for his interest in assisting us to obtain some of the cuts which we use in illustrating our Ferndale Series. Mr. Saunders is President of the Entomological Society of Ontario, is the author of that excellent work which every fruit grower should own,—"*Insects Injurious to Fruits*," and has for many years been identified with the scientific promotion of agriculture and horticulture. As Director of the Dominion Experimental Agricultural Station he paid the Lower Provinces a visit this summer.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Inspector Boudreau is at present inspecting the schools of Victoria and Madawaska Counties.

Miss Mary Fleming has charge of the Debec day school, which opened on the 1st inst.

John Stewart, M. B., Edin., of Pictou, has been elected lecturer on Physiology in the Summer School of Science.

Inspector A. G. MacDonald, M. A., of Antigonish, has been elected lecturer on Physics in the Summer School of Science.

Mr. Sprague of Liverpool, N. S., has been elected Assistant Secretary of the Summer Science School, N. S.

Professor J. B. Hall, Ph. D., of the Normal School, has been elected Secretary of the Summer Science School which meets in Pictou in 1888.

C. D. Robinson, Principal of the Berwick Schools, has won a higher provincial reputation for his school than many of our county academies. *Semper floreat.*

Mr. Mason R. Benn, has retired from the Lower Woodstock school, and has been succeeded by Mr. Frank A. Good.

Mr. William M. Tweedie, has returned to New Brunswick after five years' student life as a Gilchrist scholar in England, and on the continent.

Miss Almeda Black has been engaged as teacher of