

a sound educational basis, and to make it known not only in Nova Scotia but in the other Atlantic Provinces. Our readers, while regretting the retirement of Mr. MacKay from the position he has so worthily filled, will congratulate him on the honor that has been conferred upon him by the government of Nova Scotia.

MR. A. MCKAY, Supervisor of Schools for Halifax city, who will succeed Mr. A. H. MacKay, and whose name appears in this issue as editor of the REVIEW for Nova Scotia, is well known for his energy and his capable administration of the schools of Halifax. But his energy and executive ability have not been felt alone in the schools of Halifax nor in movements for the general educational welfare of that city. As secretary of the Provincial Association of the teachers of Nova Scotia, and secretary and afterwards president of the Summer School of Science his influence and co-operation have contributed to the advancement of provincial educational affairs. The readers of the REVIEW in future will become better acquainted with Supervisor McKay, and reap advantage from his mature experience as an educationist.

THE Dalhousie College *Gazette* celebrated the beginning of its 24th volume by appearing in an entirely new dress, new title page, greatly enlarged, and in excellent shape both for reading and preservation. Two better numbers, both in make-up and contents, than its October and November issues, it would be difficult to find among college journals.

IN the *Magazine of American History* for October is an article by Mr. W. F. Ganong, on the identity of the St. Croix River of the North-eastern boundary of the United States. This river has been held by all United States writers to be the present Magaguadavic, and by all the British writers the present St. Croix. After an examination of the available records and maps, Mr. Ganong reaches the conclusion that the St. Croix is the river referred to in the treaty which defined the boundary.

THE children's fund for the relief of the Springhill sufferers amounts to about two hundred dollars. Seventy-four dollars of this is in the Savings Bank, subject to call of Springhill teachers, as it may be needed by orphan pupils. Gold medals, inscribed, "To Dan Beaton and Danny Robertson, from children of Cumberland and Colchester, in admiration of their

bravery," and date, were purchased out of the fund and presented to the two boys at a public meeting. Our readers may remember the story of the two Dans in our May number. The rest of the fund has been paid over to Springhill Fund and W. C. T. U.

THERE has been considerable liveliness in educational matters in P. E. Island during the past few weeks, and the changes that have taken place have led to a good deal of rancorous discussion in the newspapers. Mr. D. J. McLeod, of Prince of Wales College, has been appointed Chief Superintendent of Education in the room of Mr. Nicholson. Mr. G. E. Robinson, B. A., Principal of one of the Charlottetown city schools, has been appointed to the vacancy in the College. Inspector Arbuckle, who was recently dismissed, has been appointed superintendent of the Summerside schools.

IN the *University Monthly* for October are two interesting articles by Professors Stockley and Duff, on University Extension.

IT appears that the National Educational Association of the United States will meet at Saratoga, July 14-17, 1892, and in Chicago in 1893.

A CORRESPONDENT asks: "What has interrupted Mr. Brittain's course of lectures in chemistry, which were commenced about a year ago, and which aroused us to begin the study here and to procure chemical apparatus?" In answer it may be said that Mr. Brittain will continue the course in the December and future numbers of the REVIEW, and that the interruption was due to the pressure of his regular work in his normal school classes.

INSPECTOR MERSEREAU is visiting this month the ungraded schools in Saumarez, Alnwick, Newcastle and Nelson parishes, Northumberland County.

#### THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The Government of Nova Scotia has chosen Mr. A. H. MacKay, Principal of the Halifax Academy, to fill the office of Superintendent of Education. As principal of Pictou Academy Mr. MacKay advanced the high character of that institution until its fame extended beyond Canada. A profound thinker, an accomplished scholar, an enthusiastic teacher, Mr. MacKay assumes the educational leadership of Nova Scotia at a time of life when his mature judgment and knowledge of educational affairs in his native province give confidence in his ability to discharge with wisdom and moderation the duties of such an important position; while his steadiness of purpose