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THE REVIEW would again call attention to the necessity of changing the day of the annual school meeting from Thursday to Friday. Many of the teachers take advantage of school meetings to visit their homes. In doing so they lose Friday and make up the time some Saturday. Saturday teaching is most unsatisfactory. The change has no disadvantages and would be regarded with favour by the rate-payers.

NOW THAT a new high school building for boys in St. John is proposed, would it not be a good idea if the question of the best lighting should receive some attention. While the matter of ventilation has been duly regarded in all our new buildings, lighting has received no consideration. Some countries go so far as to enact laws regulating this important matter. Our spectacled boys and girls should point a warning to us. Let our school buildings be lighted consistent with the best experience to be obtained.

"IRREGULAR attendance is the great drawback in our country schools," writes a correspondent. That is a hint to many people, but especially teachers, to bestir themselves. Irregular attendance is certainly injurious,—injurious to parents, to rate-payers, to the school, and chiefly to the children who absent themselves. Teachers have it in their power to remedy this, wholly or in part, but it cannot be done by grumbling or fault-finding. See the parents and show what an irreparable injury is being done to the

child. Then go to work and spare no pains to make every hour's work in school so thoroughly interesting and effective that the school will become a centre of busy intelligent work. Children will be impelled to go to such a school, and their example will infect the neighborhood.

EDUCATION AT THE HALIFAX EXHIBITION.

The commission appointed by the Nova Scotia Government to manage the Provincial Exhibition for 1894, was assisted by various committees. In the department of natural history and education, Dr. Mackay presided. Associated with him were the school inspectors and the principals of the academies with Principal O'Hearn as secretary. This committee submitted a full list of diplomas, medals and money prizes for competition in all grades and kinds of school work, art work, and natural history collection. There was but little response. The space asked for was small on account of the uncertainty of being able to fill it. When the time came for placing the exhibits, however, it was found that less than one-half could be shown to advantage. The department of minerals, with a really fine display of gold, was crowded into ten feet square. There must have been something wrong, when in a province so rich in minerals as Nova Scotia, with so much capital invested, and so many people interested, a leading industry received no more space and much less setting off than "K. D. C."

Scattered throughout the educational exhibit in various places, there were small and very imperfect natural history collections—insects, plants, etc. The one exception to this was a really fine collection of birds stuffed by Col. Egan. Herbaria, by Miss Burgoyne of Windsor, and Miss Egan of Halifax, were very neat and took prizes. The Victoria School of Art and Design was limited to a space of ten feet square. The mechanical drawings and some paintings, by Miss Vondy, Miss Graham and others, were good.

The Young Manual Training School from Wolfville, made a most creditable display of carpentry, wood turnings and forge work. It was placed by Prof.