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EDITORIAL NOTES.

FRIDAY, 18th of May, has been selected as Arbor Day for New Brunswick schools.

THE next number of the REVIEW, which ends the first volume, will be issued about the 10th of May. Contributors to its columns will oblige us by handing in their favors as early as possible.

PROFESSOR ROBERTS of Kings College read before the Historical Society of Nova Scotia an extremely interesting paper on the "Aroostook War" between New Brunswick and the State of Maine in 1839. He has also thrown some new light on the Ashburton Treaty, which shows that New Brunswick and not the State of Maine gained the advantage in the division of the disputed territory.

Garden and Forest, a new weekly journal, devoted to horticulture in all its branches, landscape gardening, plant diseases, and insects injurious to vegetation, has made its appearance. With its talented corps of editors and contributors, it promises to be an admirable publication for the purposes in view. See the advertisement in another column for an enumeration of its many excellent features.

A PUBLIC meeting was held in Orpheus Hall, Halifax, on Friday evening, April 6th, under the auspices of the Fröbel Institute of Nova Scotia, for

the purpose of bringing to the attention of the public the advantages of kindergarten instruction, especially in the cities and towns. W. C. Silver, Esq., presided, and opened the subject in a short address. He was followed by Mr. Lawrence, M. P. P., of Truro, Hon. Mr. Gillivray, M. P. P., Antigonish, Miss Woodcock, Principal of the Truro Kindergarten, Principal MacKay of Pictou, and Mrs. Condon, President of the Institute. Special reference was made to the superior Kindergarten of Truro. A room has been given it by the government in the normal school building. The institution is supported as yet principally by the people of Truro. The province receives benefit from it through an arrangement by which the normal school students visit it regularly, in relays of about a dozen at a time. Its principles will in this manner be introduced to some extent into the primary schools of the province. The subsidy promised for a quarter mile of railway would be a great boon to a central school of this kind in connection with the normal school; and would eventually benefit the whole country to a much greater extent than even a whole mile of some local railway.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

In our last issue there was briefly outlined from the report of the New Brunswick schools, a plan for the establishment of five high schools for the promotion of secondary education in the province. In submitting the plan, Chief Superintendent Crocket expressed the hope that the Legislature, at its approaching session, might frame a bill in accordance with his suggestions, to become law on the first of January next. The Legislature has dispersed without taking any action in the matter. The additional outlay of about \$6,000 per annum in the present straightened finances of the provinces may have been one source of reluctance on the part of the Legislature in dealing with the question. In the meantime, there is ample opportunity to examine into the proposed change in secondary education, which seeks to do away with the county grammar schools and establish in their stead five thoroughly equipped high schools at St. John, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Moncton, Newcastle.

In addition to the increased expenditure there are other important considerations to be taken into