

of the Province, as the date of its meetings are such as to permit it.

SIXTEEN out of a graduating class of forty-eight who received the degree of M. D., C. M., at the McGill University, Montreal, in March, were from the Atlantic Provinces.

FUTURE school houses should be built with due regard to light, ventilation, ornamentation and playgrounds.

WE HAVE received the past year's report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick. Compared with the corresponding term in the previous year, there was a gain in the first term of 17 schools, 48 teachers, and 2,286 pupils. In the second term there was a gain, computed on the same basis, of 12 schools and 20 teachers.

The details of this and other educational reports received will be dealt with in future numbers of the REVIEW.

FROM the New Glasgow High School *Monthly* we learn that the New Glasgow School Board proposes to erect a high school, to cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

THE teachers of Newfoundland have organized an association called the "Newfoundland Teachers' Association." Mr. Bancroft, of Bay Roberts, is president, and his efforts are spoken of in the highest terms of praise. We hope that this will be the impulse which will lead to greater things. The history of education in other countries outlines a glorious career for such efforts; but it will require much patience and intelligent hard work.

A BRILLIANT meteor, comparable, from the reports, to the one described in the REVIEW October, 1887, passed northwardly over the eastern extremity of Newfoundland on Saturday, 28th March, at about 10:30 p. m., St. John's, Nfld., time. The meteor appears to have exploded towards the end of its course with a magnificent shower of fragments. Its altitude and course, as seen from more than one point, and its size as compared with the moon, would be necessary to estimate its real size and distance. The sound made could not be expected to be heard until several minutes after it had passed. If the time were noted it would tend to rectify observations of altitude.

EX-INSPECTOR OAKES, now Principal of Horton Collegiate Seminary, may be regarded as the founder of Arbor Day in New Brunswick. In the two years, 1885 and 1886, before Arbor Day was adopted by regulation, there were planted in his inspectorate, chiefly

through his exertions, nearly two thousand trees. In 1884 there were probably not twenty-five school grounds in the province ornamented with transplanted trees. Of these the St. Stephen High School and the Marysville school were good examples. Not one of the grammar school grounds had any trees. Some town and city grounds were shaded by trees outside the school limits. Up to the present year there have been planted at least 27,000 trees, or an average of about eighteen to each school district in the Province.

MR. J. FRANK OWENS, A. B., of Chatham, has been appointed to the principalship of St. Dunstan's School, Fredericton, made vacant by the death of J. Meagher.

RECENT numbers of *Garden and Forest*, New York, contain many fine articles on forest trees, ornamentation of grounds, etc. These are well worth the attention and study of those interested, especially at this season of the year.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of the Arbor Day Manual on another page.

MISS CARMAN, teacher at Pennfield Ridge, Charlotte County, by means of a concert, has been able to procure some needed school apparatus and a school flag, which, it is proposed, to use for the first time on Arbor Day.

MISS KERR and Miss Erb, of Beaver Harbor, have aspirations in the same direction. This idea of Arbor Day celebration is a good one, and is worthy of imitation.

THE reports of the New Brunswick school inspectors for the last year should be carefully read. They speak of success and of failure. Where failure has occurred once it need not occur again. Sluggishness and lack of intelligent interest are the chief drawbacks. These can be overcome. The successful work of the last and previous years should be a strong incentive to a greatly increased effort this year.

ARBOR DAY IN ONTARIO. — The Minister of Education in Ontario in his report says:

"Arbor Day has now become one of the most interesting and profitable holidays in the year. In 1885, 38,940; in 1886, 31,087; in 1888, 25,714; and in 1889, 21,281 trees were planted. In a very few years every rural school in the Province will have its pleasant, shady bower, where the pupils can find shelter from the scorching sun during the summer months, and where their taste for the beautiful in nature will find some gratification."

May we be able to say the same for our own Provinces.