

sity of a re-organization of the grammar and high schools of the province so that results may be obtained more commensurate with the expenditure, and that the common schools, high schools, the grammar schools and the university may be so articulated as to become a constant source of strength and growth to each of the others." A change is suggested in the law relating to grammar schools, viz.: that a standard be fixed both in regard to equipment and the number of advanced pupils, falling below which a school would cease to rank as a grammar school.

Mr. MONTAGUE CHAMBERLAIN, formerly of St. John, and now assistant secretary of Harvard University, has published a popular hand-book of the Ornithology of the United States and Canada, based on Nuttall's Manual. The work, which is published in two volumes, consisting of nearly 1,000 pages, with admirable pictorial illustrations, is a monument of Mr. Chamberlain's industry as a naturalist.

Mr. WILLIAM TYNG RAYMOND, of Hampton, a graduate of the U. N. B., class of 1883, formerly of the Sunbury County Grammar school, and later a student and scholar in classics at Harvard, has received the appointment of professor of classics at the State Normal School at Cortland, New York, and entered upon his duties February 15th. We congratulate Mr. Raymond upon his appointment to this most desirable position, and at the same time we consider that the school is fortunate in securing the services of so thorough a classical scholar and so competent and experienced a teacher.

THE Harvard Summer School of Botany will open at the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, June 30th, and close on August 3rd. A course in phanerogamic botany will be given by Mr. W. F. Ganong, assisted by Mr. G. J. Pierce, and a course in cryptogamic botany will be given, covering the same time, by Mr. A. B. Seymour, at the Lawrence Scientific School, Cambridge.

A COURSE of twelve lectures on botany, in connection with the Mt. Allison extension schemes, has been opened in Charlottetown. The lecturer, Mr. Francis Bain, has done much to make known the natural history, especially the botany, of Prince Edward Island, and it is expected that this course of lectures will do much to popularize the subject in Charlottetown.

THE serious illness of Mr. F. H. Hayes, Superintendent of Schools, St. John, has called forth a general expression of regret from all classes of citizens. Mr. Hayes had a severe attack of la grippe some months ago which was followed by pleurisy about a week since, from the effects of which he has

suffered acutely. The Board of Trustees granted him a fortnight's leave of absence in January, but he remained at his post, although not fully able to attend to his duties. Mr. Hayes has devoted himself earnestly to his work since his appointment, attending to the minutest details with a faithfulness that secured for him the esteem of the trustees and teachers of St. John. His recent severe attack, which was probably brought on by the heavy strain upon him in attending to his duties when he required rest, has created very general sympathy for him.

#### CANADIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

This association was organized at Toronto in July, 1891, by Canadian teachers in attendance at the National Educational Association. A provisional executive committee was formed, with Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, as President, the Superintendents of Education in the several provinces as Vice-presidents, Rev. E. I. Rexford, of Montreal, as Secretary, and E. W. Arthy, Montreal, as Treasurer.

At a meeting of the executive, held in Montreal on the 26th of January last, it was decided that the first meeting of the association should be held in Montreal the first week in July, extending over four days (July 5th to 8th). The following is the general programme decided upon: (1) That the first day should be occupied with a meeting of welcome in the afternoon, and a conversazione in the evening. (2) That the remaining days should be occupied with (a) general morning meetings (9-12); (b) afternoon meetings in sections (2-4); (c) evening public meetings of a more popular character (8-10). (3) That the association should be organized for its first meeting in five sections, namely, (1) Kindergarten, (2) Public School, (3) High School, (4) Normal Training and Inspection, (5) University. (4) That there should be a scholastic exhibit in connection with the meeting of the association, including specimens of school work, school appliances, text-books, etc.

Local committees have been organized in Montreal to make preparations for the meeting, which will form the educational feature of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of that city.

The National Educational Association of the United States meets at Saratoga during the second week in July, giving ample opportunity to attend both meetings and enjoy the scenery of the St. Lawrence, Lake Champlain and adjacent mountain and the Hudson River—a grand programme.

The Canadian managers of the National Educational Association include Supt. Inch, of New Brunswick, Supt. A. H. Mackay, of Nova Scotia, and Supt. D. J. McLeod, of P. E. Island.

The formation of a Canadian Educational Association has been advocated by the REVIEW, and it is to be hoped that the first meeting will exert such an influence as will make the association permanent.