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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE early issue of our Arbor day number, its many suggestions and practical articles will give an impetus to the observance of the day throughout the Atlantic Provinces, and make, we hope, the first year of the last decade of the 19th century, a red letter one in successful tree planting.

THE observance of Arbor Day began in Nebraska in 1872. On the 10th of April of that year more than one million trees were planted. Between 1872 and 1888 nearly two thousand seven hundred and fifty million trees were planted throughout that State.

ARBOR DAY should be celebrated wherever there is a school. Its specific objects—the encouragement of forest culture and preservation, improving and beautifying the surroundings of school and dwelling houses—should be inculcated. It should be a district holiday.

IF the members of the agricultural and horticultural societies, where founded, would encourage and assist the schools on Arbor Day, it would create an interest among the rising generation in the objects of these useful organizations.

ARBOR DAY in Inspector Carter's district—St. John, Charlotte and part of Kings—will probably be on Friday, May 15th.

THE Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces meets in July next at Antigonish, N. S. Fuller announcements will be given in May REVIEW.

READERS of the REVIEW will join us in acknowledgments to Prof. Lawson, Ph. D., of Dalhousie University, W. F. Ganong, A. M., of Harvard University, and Mr. J. Vroom, St. Stephen, N. B., for interesting and valuable contributions to this number.

Do not be discouraged if some persons try to throw cold water on your efforts to create an interest in Arbor Day. "What's the use?" will be heard from many. If you become discouraged and give up, it is a question whether you are capable of succeeding in any undertaking that requires tact and energy.

THE teacher that by intelligent and conscientious work arouses activity and directs thought leaves an impress on the minds of the community for all time. If a taste for order and beauty be implanted, the ornamented grounds and houses will always be a monument to that teacher's taste and intelligence.

LET the programme for Arbor Day exercises be arranged with a definite object in view—that object being to carry out the spirit and letter of the requirements of the school law. If only a programme of speeches, dialogues, recitations, be carried out without reference to carefully planned and systematic work on the school grounds, it is a sham.

BY all means secure the active co-operation of the boys and girls in tree-planting and other improvement. Those teachers who have secured and intelligently directed this in past years know its value. Those who have not should begin at once to awaken an interest among the boys and girls. That will arouse the district.

AT a recent meeting of the executive of the St. John County Teachers' Institute it was decided to engage for the next meeting, in December next, the services of Inspector Metcalfe, an eminent educationist of Boston. Mr. John Brittain, of the Provincial normal school will also be asked to address the teachers. The Institute promises to be a very instructive one, and, coming when it does, will, no doubt, be attended by teachers from other sections