

WE have to thank D. Wilson, Esq., Inspector of Victoria, B. C., for a copy of Vol. I., No. 1, of the proceedings of the Natural History Society of British Columbia. The chief papers published deal with the birds and economic fishes of that Province.

REV. JAMES ANDERSON, although not at present engaged by the Provincial educational authorities, is still at work in pushing forward the Tonic Sol-fa reform when the occasion offers. His pupils are now commencing to multiply his original efforts. Miss Ryan, of Halifax, met with much success as instructor in this department in the summer school at Antigonish; and Miss Travis, we are informed, has been equally successful in Inspector Lay's summer institutes in Cumberland County.

AT this year's closing of the Nova Scotia Normal School Principal Calkin stated that by the year after next he hoped to see the students doing professional work only, having passed the tests of attainment in scholarship on entering. We are glad to see something definite as the time when competent scholars shall cease to be worried through their normal school course by deadening repetitions and harassing examinations on subjects in which the advanced schools should now be competent to send out pupils. One hundred and one student teachers were in attendance at the school last year, of whom seventeen received first-class and thirty-one second-class diplomas.

INSTITUTES IN CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER COUNTIES. — Since our last notice of the institutes held by Inspector Lay, we find the following have been held: Spencer's Island, class of ten; Parrsboro, class of forty; Tatamagouche, forty; Balmoral Mills, twenty. Public meetings have been held at the last two in which the public were stimulated in educational progress. Tonic Sol-fa was successfully taught at Parrsboro by Miss Travis, of Amherst Academy, and at Tatamagouche by A. D. Ross, of the same institution. The various nature lessons were carried to such a point that all teachers attending them could take up the subjects in their own schools. In every locality the teachers attending were entertained freely and generously by the citizens in the immediate neighborhood. We shall be interested in watching further development of Inspector Lay's work and its future effects on the generation within his inspectorate. There may be a shifting of laurels "ere thirty years pass o'er."

The Quebec *Daily Telegraph* of July 29 makes the following remarks with respect to the appointment of Mr. Crocket to the classical chair in Morrin College:

"The Governors of Morrin College have taken energetic and timely action in filling the place of their late distinguished professor of classics. By a fortunate chance the services of Mr. Crocket, lately Chief Superintendent of Education of New Brunswick, were found to be available, and the college authorities promptly secured him for the classical chair next session. Mr. Crocket, we find, is examiner in classics for the New Brunswick University; and in THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW for the Atlantic Provinces, Professor McCurdy describes him as a classical scholar of 'unsurpassed taste and accuracy.'"

THE semi-annual conference of the Chief Superintendent and the Inspectors took place in Fredericton on July 28th. Dr. Inch entertained the Inspectors at a dinner at the Queen Hotel. All the Inspectors were present except Mr. Wetmore, who, though improving, is yet unable to undertake active work. We understand that all the Inspectors formed a very favorable impression of their new chief.

WE have to apologize to correspondents for not answering communications and questions during the past month. They will be attended to next issue.

#### THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The recent session of the summer school at Antigonish was one of great interest, although the attendance was smaller than usual. The enthusiasm which has characterized other meetings of the school has not abated in the slightest degree. The union of the provinces in educational work of this kind has been productive of excellent results already. Teachers return to their work from these meetings refreshed in mind and body. Much excellent work is accomplished, but it is accomplished in a way that brings an increase of energy rather than a decrease. The genial enthusiasm that prevails everywhere — in the temporary home, the class-room, or the field — makes it a recreation to all who attend of the most delightful kind. Teachers at these gatherings feel that no provincial lines separate them. Everything that is broad and excellent and worthy of imitation stands out clear and well-defined. Everything that is narrow and exclusive is out of sight.

Next year the school moves westward and meets in St. John, and a large attendance is confidently looked for. The many features of interest in and about the city make it admirably adapted for the purpose of a summer school, and its invigorating air is a tonic that brightens one up wonderfully. The trip to Frederic-