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S. M. T.—May I learn, through the columns of your paper, a form of salute to our flag, which I may use as an opening exercise in my school?

There is no form of salute to the flag officially recognized in the schools of New Brunswick, nor in the other Atlantic Provinces, so far as known to the REVIEW. The military salute to the flag is made by quickly raising the open right hand with a circular motion to the right till it rests upon the forehead, palm outward, an inch above the right eye; thumb close to the fingers, elbow in line with the shoulder, head and body erect. At the close of the salute, the hand is not carried back through the same curve, but is simply dropped with a quick motion to the side. This salute is only used when wearing a hat or cap. A soldier with his head uncovered merely stands at attention, and makes no other form of salute.

A pretty little ceremony for use in primary schools is the following, adapted from one in use in the United States:

Children stand in position, one child in front holding the flag. They salute the flag with right hand raised to

the forehead and brought forward and outward with a sweeping motion, reciting together the words, "We give our hands (moving hand, which is still upraised), our heads (touching head), and our hearts (touching breast), to our country; one Sovereign, one Empire, one Flag." With the last word the right hand is raised, the forefinger pointing to the flag; at the same time the right foot is advanced and brought down lightly on the floor. Then the arm drops and the children sing "God Save the King."

It is obvious that the flag here meant is the Union Jack, the national flag. With the Canadian ensign the words would be inappropriate. The following recitation may be given before the salute:

Your flag and my flag; and how it flies to-day
In your land and my land, and half a world away!
Sea-blue and sky-blue, wherever waters flow,
Rose-red and blood-red, wherever sunsets glow,
Snow-white and soul-white, its folds forever gleam
True, brave and blameless, our good forefathers' dream
Your flag and my flag; and, oh! how much it holds!
Your land and my land secure beneath its folds!
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, the Blue and Red and White.

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