

beginning on the 15th July, (1) for bi-lingual teachers (see page 85), and (2) for Agriculture and Nature Study (see page 85).

The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada is to meet at Chatham, N. B., from the 21st July to the 7th August.

The Dominion Educational Association is to meet in Winnipeg during the second week in July—8th to 11th. Return tickets from Nova Scotia are expected to be obtained for \$28.

The National Education Association of the U. S. A., meets at Boston, 6th to 10th July (see notice, page 88.)

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.—In all graded schools the Principal should have frequent meetings of the teaching staff for the purpose of studying the articulation of the work of each teacher, the character and progress of the pupils, etc., and for the filling out of detailed courses of "Nature Lessons," in accordance with the general outline given in the prescribed course of study. By such procedure each school section can have the Nature Lessons, etc., adjusted to the abilities of the teachers and to the local conditions of natural and artificial environment.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.—Options in County Academy entrance and High School examination questions will be given so as to enable a full mark to be made on any half of the new text books.

ARBOR DAY.—Teachers are expected to keep this day in accordance with the regulations reprinted in this JOURNAL, page 46. This includes instruction in the principles, and economical advantages of forest culture. Firewood sells from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per cord, according to the nearness of the wood to the place where it is used. How much is consumed in the school section? How much in the province? What is the value of the annual firewood of the province? Then there is the timber for frames of buildings, props for mines, piles for wharves; plank and boards of hardwood as well as of softwood; laths, shingles, etc. Also the more expensive furniture woods which are grown or could be grown on lands not worth any thing for agricultural cultivation; and the soft woods for conversion into pulp for paper making. Teachers should report the work and lessons of Arbor Day to the Inspector, who in turn will report to the Superintendent.

EMPIRE DAY.—A report of the exercises and lessons on Empire Day should also be forwarded to the Inspector. It should be remembered with pride that Nova Scotia was the first to fix such a day for the public schools; and our initiative is being followed vigorously in every quarter of the Empire in one way or another.

The best flag for school purposes is the British Red Ensign. This is the true flag of the Empire, known over all the world. A Canadian flag (so-called)—the British Ensign with the Canadian arms crowded into a conglomerate in a shield on the fly—is sometimes used. But it is not the Empire flag any more than the old flag of Nova Scotia or the flag of Australia. These are all good in their place; but it is the Empire flag common to all we wish to fly on Empire Day. This flag is also the least expensive. The prices of the British Red Ensign of the following sizes suitable for the smaller and larger school houses are as follows at date:—Two yards, \$1.75; 2½ yds., \$2.40; 3 yds., \$3.20; 3½ yds., \$3.65; 4 yds., \$4.80; 4½ yds., \$6.00; and 5 yard flag, \$8.25.

Some facts relating to the duty of the parts of the Empire to the whole are suggested in the notes and figures given on page 49 of this JOURNAL.

While lessons are given on the points mentioned in the regulations of the C. P. I., teachers should also endeavor to impress on the children the duty of understanding how those who under the British Constitution have the power of governing the country by electing their representatives to parliament should do their duty in voting. The voter should make a careful effort to understand what is best for the country; and the giving of a vote for any private advantage—bribery—instead of for the general benefit, should be pictured in its true selfish and mischievous hideousness. Great care, of course, should be taken not to allow any such teaching to suggest a reflection on any one political party.

NOTICE OF OPENING OF SCHOOL.—The form given on page 23 should be amended by teachers competing for rural school library, superior or agricultural grants, by giving notice of their intention to compete.