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This number closes the tenth volume of the REVIEW.

AN INDEX of the first ten volumes of the REVIEW is being prepared and will be published in June. Subscribers should wait for this and bind it at the end of the tenth volume.

WE are sending out accounts in this number to all subscribers in arrears, and hope they will meet with the usual prompt return. We have striven to furnish a good educational paper the past year, and are anxious to do even better for the coming year.

WE have received the annual report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for P. E. Island, a review of which will appear in the June number.

THE selection of May 14th as Arbor Day, in several districts in New Brunswick and P. E. Island, seems too late a date. Trees are now rapidly advancing from bud to leaf, and the middle of May will find many trees too advanced to ensure success in transplanting.

THE meeting of the National Educational Association of the United States will take place at Milwaukee, Wis., July 6-9.

MAYOR ROBERTSON, of St. John, in his inaugural address to the City Council, questions whether "the direct benefits and practical results received by the citizens are in proportion to the amount expended to support the public schools." He says:

"The future welfare of this commercial and manufacturing city will depend largely upon the character and acquirements of the rising generation of young men. Almost every city of any prominence in Great Britain, Germany, France and the United States, has established manual training and technical schools as an indispensable part of their school education. We find Portland, Me.—a city about the size of St. John—has two manual training schools which have proved successful beyond the hopes of their warmest friends, not only of the pupils deeply interested in them, but many teachers in other branches of education testify that the instruction imparted by them tends to increase the proficiency of their pupils in other studies. It is evidently the intention of the present government to test the competitive mettle of the Canadian manufacturers by removing protection by degrees. If this is carried out the only power that the manufacturers of Canada can depend upon is the genius and technical knowledge of the Canadian artisan. I hope our board of school trustees will make this question a ready and living issue.

WE hope the suggestion of Mayor Robertson will receive that attention that it should. Such an important commercial and industrial city as St. John should make a beginning, without further delay, in technical instruction.

OUR readers will be interested in the communication of Principal Congdon on School Banks and how to conduct them. The experiment, which has been fairly tried at Dartmouth, and which has been productive of such excellent results under Mr. Congdon's management, should lead to its introduction elsewhere. The REVIEW has in its earlier issues frequently called attention to the Dartmouth plan and its results. Principal Congdon has sent us this communication in answer to a correspondent asking for information on the subject. We hope that this clear presentation of the scheme will lead to its introduction elsewhere.

ATTENTION is directed to advertisement of additional list of N. S. Provincial examination stations on opposite page.