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The public schools close for the Easter Holidays on April 1st, and re-open on the 7th.

Our readers' attention is drawn to a new department on bird study, which starts in this issue, to be under the able management of Mr. E. C. Allen, of Halifax.

The attention of The Review readers is directed to the new advertisements of the McKay School Equipment Limited, the Dominion Book Co. and Imperial Oil Limited in this issue.

We hope that our readers are finding the Book Review section of interest and assistance. We are most fortunate in being assisted in this section by a number of the progressive educators in the Maritime Provinces.

The Educational Review is planning to suggest Empire Day programmes in the April number. Suggestions or reports of successful programmes given in former years will be most gratefully received. Address Editor, Moncton, N. B.

We are fortunate in this issue of the Educational Review to offer our readers a number of exceptionally interesting articles. Mr. DeWolfe of Normal College, Truro; E. C. Allen, Halifax; Miss Thomas, Mt. Allison Ladies' College, are contributors.

EDITORIAL

ILLITERACY IN NEW BRUNSWICK In reference to the matter of illiteracy in the Maritime Provinces as published in the census returns of 1911, New Brunswick appears at a considerable disadvantage. The proportions in these provinces are as follows: Prince Edward Island, 8 per cent.; Nova Scotia, 10 per cent. and New Brunswick, 14 per cent. It should be remembered, however, that in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island children five years of age are admitted to the Public Schools, while in New Brunswick they are not admitted to school until they have reached the age of six years; hence children in New Brunswick between the ages of five and six years are set down by the census enumerators as illiter-