

delay. This code has been issued by the Government at the request of the Protestant Committee. It should have been sent some months ago, but several unavoidable delays occurred to prevent.

A circular letter has just been issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction concerning the Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago in the year 1893.

The letter is so addressed as to apply to all who are engaged in teaching in this province, or who have control of educational institutions or public schools. It invites co-operation in the preparation of an educational exhibit, and points out the desirability of preserving during the present year the best specimens of school work, in order that a good collection may be made without interfering with the regular school duties.

It is not the intention to make a display of only the best specimens of work that can be done in the schools, but it is the wish to make an exhibition of work done by every pupil of a grade, so that by seeing the good, the bad, and the indifferent together, one may judge of the character of the work done in the average school under normal conditions. All who are interested in this matter are requested to give careful attention to the circular letter.

According to school law the common school fund is distributed annually amongst the various school municipalities in proportion to population, as shown by the last decennial census. The next distribution ought to be made upon the basis of the census of 1891, which, we understand, is nearly completed. It is not an easy matter, however, to arrange an accurate distribution. The dominion census gives the populations of the rural municipalities, but when for obvious reasons the rural and the school municipality of the same name do not exactly coincide, the dominion census is of little value. In consequence of these facts, the secretary-treasurers will shortly be requested to give the population of any lots that have been attached to, or detached from, the municipality in question, for school purposes. A glance at the last census returns shows that the next distribution will differ considerably from the last.

The examination of candidates for teachers' diplomas will be held by the Central Board of Examiners, on Tuesday, June 28th, and four following days.

The local centres of examination will be the same as last year, excepting that Three Rivers will not be upon the list. Fuller particulars will be given in the March number of the RECORD.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, by an order-in-Council, dated 28th November last (1891), to erect into a school