

been recently published. The scene is laid in the last decade of the seventeenth century, and the narrative circles round one of the most interesting personalities in French history, the mysterious "Man with the Iron Mask." It is a book that no one will lay down till the end is reached; and though the plot is not intricate, the reader is held in a certain suspense as to the *raison d'être* of the beautiful palace on the lonely island, until the last chapter, when all is explained. The get-up of "Prisoners of the Sea" is excellent, making it altogether desirable as a gift book.

Official Department.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, by order in council dated the 11th of November instant (1897), to detach from the school municipality of Sainte Louise, in the county of L'Islet, the following numbers of the cadastre of Sainte Louise, to wit: Nos. 64, 67 and 69, and to annex them, for school purposes, to the municipality of "Saint Aubert," in the same county.

This annexation will take effect on the 1st of July next (1898).

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, on the 15th November instant (1897), to make the following appointments, to wit:

School Commissioners.

Huntingdon, Saint Romain of Hemmingford: Revd. Mr. François Xavier Goyette, instead and in place of Revd. Mr. Jean A. Ducharme, who has left this parish.

Saguenay, Fox River: Mr. Flavien Bouliane, instead and in place of Mr. Gabriel Bouliane, absent from this municipality.

Témiscouata: Mr. Hubert Morin, instead and in place of Mr. J. A. Lavigne, who has resigned.

17th November.—To detach from the school municipality of "Côte Saint-Michel," county of Hochelaga, the village of "Villeray," and erect it into a distinct school municipality, with the same limits as are assigned to it by the proclamation of the 30th day of October (1896).

This erection to take effect on the 1st of July next (1898).