

The Hon. Superintendent of Education then delivered an address, in which he alluded to the different measures which had been adopted since the Union of the Canadas for the development of education. He said that the present award of prizes and diplomas would probably be the last presided over by him under the existing constitution, and he therefore took occasion to review the condition of public instruction, pointing out the various improvements suggested in his reports which remained to be carried out. He then alluded to the memory of the late Superior of the Seminary of Montreal, Rev. Mr. Granet, who, he said, had always honored the exhibitions of the Jacques Cartier Normal School with his presence; and invited the Rev. Mr. Bayle, in whom he saw the worthy successor of Mr. Granet, to favor the pupils with a word of advice.

The Rev. Superior of St. Sulpice kindly responded to the call, making very appropriate remarks, in the course of which he paid a high compliment to the teachers in training for the handsome manner in which they had fulfilled the duties required of them during the year. He also congratulated Mr. Boudrias on his essay and cordially approved of the valuable advice it conveyed to parents and teachers.

The pupils then sung *God save the Queen* with much effect, and the ceremony ended.

Public Examinations and Distribution of Prizes at the Universities, Colleges, Boarding-Schools, and other Educational Institutions.

The following is a condensed report of the public school exhibitions held this year at the different educational institutions to which it has reference.

The distribution of prizes and diplomas at the Quebec Seminary and Laval University took place, as usual, in the large hall of the University, on the 9th July. The proceeding commenced by an eloquent valedictory address, which was delivered by Mr. A. Papineau, of St. Martin, in the name of those students who were leaving the Seminary at the expiration of this term. The distribution of prizes was then made, and several pieces of music, vocal and instrumental, were executed. Addresses by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Taschereau, G. V., and Professor Langelier, having been delivered, in which a just tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Hon. Justice Morin, the founder and dean of the Faculty of Law, the conferring of degrees under the Faculties of Law, Medicine, of Arts took place. Mr. Conrad was the only candidate who obtained the degree of M. D., the examination for this degree being very severe at the Laval University.

The election of officers for the Seminary of Quebec was made a few days later, resulting as follows: Abbé Méthot, Superior, and *ex officio* Rector of the University; Rev. Mr. Taschereau, G. V., Director of the Seminary; Rev. Mr. Cyrille Légaré, Inspector of the Studies and Director of the College. (*Petit Séminaire*).

The examinations and distribution of prizes took place at the Montreal College on the 2nd of July. The Superior, Rev. Mr. Bayle, presided, the seats next to him being occupied by the

Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Meilleur, former Superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Vignon, Superior of St. Mary's College; and many prominent members of the clergy and laity.

The exercises opened with a Latin thesis, in which the questions propounded were put by Mr. Jannel and answered by Mr. T. Dagenais, the subject being *Mens humana est libera*.

An interesting historical essay on *M. de Maisonneuve* (the founder of Montreal) was read by Mr. Derome and met with applause.

Messrs. Dubuc and Doherty entertained the assembly with a lecture on the artificial production of cold, accompanied with very interesting experiments. They explained the important results obtained by the *Carré* invention, so favorably noticed at the last London Exhibition, and, by means of various processes, produced blocks of ice, a result which, to the uninitiated, proved the more astonishing as the heat was then very great.

A valedictory oration was delivered by Mr. Jannel in a very impressive manner.

At the close of the proceedings, which were agreeably diversified by musical performances, the Rev. Superior addressed the assembly; after which, all attended prayer in the chapel of the college.

The exhibitions of the College of St. Hyacinthe extended over two sittings, the first of which was occupied by the representation of a drama in Latin, founded on a scriptural subject—the history of Joseph—and in which a marked interest was evinced, as many among the audience understood that language.

On the second day, prizes were distributed by Monseigneur Taché, Bishop of St. Boniface, in presence of a great number of clergymen. An able essay on French Canadian literature attributed to the pen of Rev. Mr. Raymond, G. V., Superior of the College, was recited by Mr. H. Larue, a student in Rhetoric. Several pupils also recited verses by Messrs. Crémazie and Lemay, and read extracts from the writings of Messrs. D. B. Viger, Ferland, Garneau, de Gaspé, Chauveau, and the unknown author of the work, *Les Ursulines de Québec*.

Addresses by the Superior and Monseigneur Taché closed the sitting.

At the College of Ste. Thérèse, before proceeding with the award of prizes, discourses were delivered by Messrs. O. Dubois, Albéric Ouimet, and F. Kavanagh, the subjects treated being: 1st. *War as decreed by Providence*. 2nd. *What wars are just or unjust?* 3rd. *Duty of Citizens in time of war*. 4th. *Nature and Influence of Military Glory*.

The Rev. Mr. Dagenais, Superior of the College, terminated the proceedings by an eloquent address.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. Dumouchel, Rev. Mr. Verreau, Principal of Jacques Cartier Normal School, and many members of the clergy.

At the College of L'Assomption the pupils were examined in Greek, Latin, ancient and modern history, literature, philosophy and natural sciences. Lines of poetry, composed by Mr. Dugas, one of the students, were read and much admired. Then followed dramatic performances appropriate to the occasion, and an essay by Mr. Lactance Archambault.