

and Murray McLaren. *Junior Class*.—English—J. Fred. Harley, the English scholarship of \$60; H. C. Grant, H. V. B. Brydges, D. Fisk, A. D. Macpherson and G. R. Devitt. Logic—H. D. Montgomery, Bliss Carman and E. B. Hooper. French—A. D. Macpherson, G. R. Devitt, E. B. Hooper and J. Fred. Harley. Classics—J. Morrison and Bliss Carman. Mathematics—Bliss Carman. Science—W. S. Carter was successful in obtaining the achromatic microscope. *Freshmen*.—Classics—J. McIntosh and H. J. Taylor, the classical scholarship of \$60. Mathematics—W. W. White. Lorne Silver Medal—J. A. Johnson. Science—J. A. Johnson and O. W. Smith. French—E. D. Weldon. English—J. R. Cowie. The Douglas Gold Medal, for the best essay on "The importance to the people of New Brunswick of increased attention to agriculture," was assigned to A. W. Wilkinson, of Fredericton, who also carries off the French prize.

Three Teachers' Institutes will meet on the 8th and 9th of July inst., viz., at St. John, St. Stephen, and Hampton. At the last named place, the Chief Superintendent of Education is expected to deliver a public lecture on the evening of the 8th.

The Educational Institute of the Province is to meet at Fredericton on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst., when matters of great interest to the profession will be discussed, including a proposed course of instruction for High Schools. All the Inspectors of Schools are expected to be present.

The following order has been issued to the Inspectors, and the Education Department has sent copies to all the Teachers in the Province:—Ordered, by the Board of Education, April 24, 1880. 1. That the following NOTE be appended to Sec. 5 (3) of the Order of the Board in reference to Inspection of Schools (See Educational Circular No. 10), viz.:—NOTE—"If in any case the number of pupils presented for examination should be less than the percentage specified above, the Inspector shall assure himself of the cause or causes of the same; and if he shall be satisfied that the smallness of the attendance arises from causes which are not amenable to the reasonable influence of an industrious and earnest Teacher, he shall proceed to examine the School for classification, and report the facts to the Chief Superintendent for the consideration of the Board of Education." 2. That Sec. 5 (3) (c) of the Order of the Board, in reference to Inspection of Schools (See Educational Circular No. 10), be hereby amended to read as follows: (c) "The additional grants to Teachers whose Schools or departments receive classification in any year shall be drawn by the Chief Superintendent, at the close of the Term in which they are inspected, and paid in June or December (as the case may be)."

The Chief Superintendent appends the following notes to the above, under date of June 10, 1880:—"In reference to the Schools examined by the Inspector during the Summer Term 1880, the Inspector will note any Teachers who were in charge of these Schools the past Winter Term, but who have removed to other Schools for the current Term. At the close of this Term, all such cases will be reported to the Board of Education, with a view of securing a Rank for the Schools taught during the Winter 1879-80 by such Teachers. Sec. 5 (3) requires that a School or department shall, on and after November 1, 1880, have been in charge of the same Teacher 'for more than one Term' in order to be eligible for classification." "The Rank reported for any School or department for the Term closed April 30, 1880, is confined to that Term. The Rank assigned hereafter (including the present Term) will apply to the Year closing with the Term in which the School is inspected."

Considerable interest is being manifested, in the country districts as well as in cities and towns, in putting up pupils for examination by the Inspectors, with a view to certification of the pupils and participation by Teachers and Trustees in the superior allowance. Standard VI is the requirement for country districts, and Standard VIII for cities, towns and villages. It is noteworthy that the existing provisions in relation to the superior allowance are leading to the employment of class-room assistants in many districts. Inasmuch as the Assistants, as well as the Teacher, is pecuniarily benefited by the ranking of the school, it will be seen that it is advantageous for any school to employ an Assistant, whether seeking to participate in the allowance or not. The following NOTE, affixed to the regulations relative to the Course of Instruction, is in point here. NOTE—"Where the number of pupils enrolled is 50 or upwards, the Class-Room Assistant, if holding a license from the Board of Education and regularly employed at least four hours a day, receives a Provincial grant equal to one-half that provided by Sec. 13 of Chap. 65 of the Consolidated Statutes, for teachers of the same class. It is, however, quite

competent to the Board of Trustees in Districts where the number of pupils is less than 50 (it matters not how many less), having first provided a Class-Room for the School-house, to employ an Assistant who has no license. A suitable Assistant could generally be selected from among the best qualified pupils. Under the direction of an efficient Teacher, fair work would be done in subjects requiring drill. The position is one that should be sought by those who intend entering the Normal School to qualify as Teachers. In this way, almost every school in the country districts could easily secure the benefits of a Class-Room Assistant, and so carry on the Course of Instruction through the specified Standard VI, and participate in the superior allowance.

QUEBEC.

A meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held on the 1st inst. in the Education Office, Quebec. There were present, His Lordship the Bishop of Quebec, the Hon. Judge Day, Dr. Dawson, the Venerable Archdeacon Leach, Dr. Cook, the Hon. Judge Dunkin, the Hon. James Ferrier, the Hon. L. R. Church, Q. C.; the Hon. W. W. Lynch. The Right Reverend James Williams, Lord Bishop of Quebec, was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Committee, in room of the Hon. George Irwin, who had resigned.

Some conversation was had in regard to a proposal made by Richard White, Esq., Montreal, for the publication of a journal of education, but it was felt that nothing could be done in this matter until the finances at the disposal of the Committee are more clearly ascertained.

In reply to a complaint from the School Commissioners of Durham, County of Drummond, in regard to the withdrawal of the grant from the Superior Education Fund for the past year from the Durham or Uxerton Model School, in which complaint it was contended that the annual returns had been sent to the Department of Public Instruction, and the claims of said school to the Government grant for the past year and the continuance of it in future were set forth, the secretary was instructed to say that its claims would be considered at the August meeting in connection with the distribution of the Superior Education Fund.

The Committee unanimously resolved to request the Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction to lay the names of the Rev. Thomas Blaylock, B.A., the Rev. William Murray, and John Le Grand, Esq., all of New Carlisle, before His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, with the respectful recommendation that these gentlemen be appointed members of the Board of Examiners for the County of Bonaventure, and in like manner that of Michael Felix Hackett, Esq., Advocate of Stanstead Plain, that he be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners, Stanstead.

The consideration of the subject of funds available for the expenses of the Committee and the support of a journal of education was referred to the Sub-Committee on the arrears of marriage-license fees, with the request that they report at the August meeting.

The Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction was requested to have a fresh supply printed of Forms of Returns from Boards of Examiners to grant Teachers' Diplomas.

A complaint was laid before the Committee that two candidates under the legal age had received Teachers' Diplomas from the Board of Examiners, Aylmer, in May last. The Secretary was directed to make enquiry as to this charge of the secretary of the Ottawa Board of Examiners.

The following resolutions in regard to the proposed bill respecting public instruction were unanimously adopted:—

1st. That this Committee feel it their duty to represent to the Provincial Executive their very strong conviction that it is important the fullest attention should be given to the whole subject of the School Laws of the Province before attempt is made to legislate finally for their consolidation, and with this view they think the measure will require, after discussion, to stand over for next session; and that this resolution be communicated to the Catholic Committee.

2nd. That the Hon. Judge Dunkin, Dr. Church, Mr. Heneker, and Dr. Dawson be a Sub-Committee to consider the bill respecting Public Instruction, submitted to this Committee with reference to its condensation and arrangement, and to the protection and advancement of the interests of Protestant education, and with power to confer with the members of the Government, and with the Superintendent of Education, and to report from time to time to this Committee.

The memoranda of Mr. Heneker on Educational grants and