

evidently improving and carrying on their useful work with vigor. If they have anything to complain of it is that the demands for their services grow more rapidly than their accommodation and means and appliances. The library, more especially, will soon require more space for readers, and for books, and the observatory puts in a strong claim for additional public aid toward its time service.

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### Current Events.

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The educational event of the session has been the discussion over the Hon. Mr. Lynch's bill, which proposes that the degree of B.A. from any Canadian University should be taken as a guarantee of scholarship in admitting students to study for the notarial, legal and medical professions. It is difficult to understand why there should be any opposition to such a bill; but there has been opposition, and the universities of the province have had to send representatives to Quebec, to argue in its favour. The chief opponent to the principle of recognizing the B.A. degree is the Secretary of the General Council of the Bar, who supervises the entrance examinations to the Bar. As the *Quebec Chronicle* says:—"The bill is fair and just. It only asks the bar of Quebec to recognize the teaching of men who have given their lives and best abilities, to the instruction of the rising youthhood of the country. The examinations in the universities are thorough, and more searching than those of the Bar examiners. The young man who gets through his course with a B.A. or an LL.B. degree, may be ranked as having won his spurs with great honour. Already a lieutenant in a certain department of learning, it is humiliating to return him to the time of his school-days, and submit him to an examination which only the privates in the company, just out of school, are subjected to."

—The Protestant Board of School Commissioners have prepared for publication a statement regarding the steps taken by them to secure an equitable distribution of the city school tax, as between Catholics and Protestants; namely that the Pro-