

and is a good outline of the practical turn which the schoolmaster ought to give to the knowledge he possesses on this subject. It may also, in some measure, direct him in bringing to bear what he knows on his every-day teaching.

(To be continued.)

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.



### DIRECTIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 27th November last, to re-annex to the School Municipality of Hemmingford, that part of this township now annexed to the School Municipality of St. Jean Chrysostôme No. 2, in the county of Châteauguay, except the lands in the fifth range of the Crown lands, and in the first and second ranges of the Clergy Reserves.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 21st instant, to erect the Township of McNider, in the county of Rimouski, into a separate municipality.

### APPOINTMENTS :

#### SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 3rd instant, to make the following appointments of School Commissioners, viz. :

County of Maskinongé.—Peterborough : Mr. Régis Lajoie.

County of Richelieu.—Parish of Sorel : Mr. Pierre LaTraverse.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased, on the 21st instant, to make the following appointments of School Commissioners:—

County of Champlain.—Champlain : Mr. Zéphirin Durand dit Chartier.

County of Temiscouata.—Notre-Dame du Portage : Mr. Joseph Gagnon.

### CATHOLIC BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

Mr. Edouard Lafond, and Miss Marie Josephine Hébert have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in Model Schools.

Mrs. Widow Onellet, and Misses Marie Duplessis, Emilie Bayard, Ann Flouright, Philomène Belleville, Mélina Bousquet, and Louise Lauzon have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in Elementary Schools.

F. X. VALADE,  
Secretary.

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF SHERBROOKE.

Messrs. Oscar Lang, Alden Learned, Uldoric Béchard, Henry C. Bel-den, Sylvester C. Annable, James W. Wiggett, and Misses Marion Pearl, Adeline Mackie, Mary Simonds, Lois Richardson, Clarissa Harvey, and Maria L. Cross have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in Elementary Schools.

S. A. HURD,  
Secretary.

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF STANSTEAD.

Misses Lucy A. Bissell, Marilla R. Bissell, Catherine Gilbert, Ellen Baldwin, Betsey Thomas, Emelio A. Munro, and Messrs. Albert Pratt, James A. Munro, Ezra William Aldrich, Solomon Carey, Joseph Willis, John McDonald, and Rufus L. Ayer have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in Elementary Schools.

C. A. RICHARDSON,  
Secretary.

### SITUATIONS WANTED.

Mr. John McAfee, provided with an Elementary diploma. Apply at the Education Office.

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### THE CENSUS.

The Fourteenth of January is the appointed day on which the taking of the Census of this Province is to begin, —a work of deep concern to its inhabitants.

It is well known that the former census was very defective. It contained many errors of omission, the result, in some cases, of neglect on the part of enumerators, but more frequently caused by the indifference, if not by the dishonesty of some of the parties whose duty was to make accurate statements.

There exists unfortunately against the census in certain quarters a strong prejudice caused by the fear of increased taxation, or of a forced enrolment for military service ; but such a mode of procedure is unknown in the country, and this apprehension is quite ridiculous. It is hardly probable, at least for a long time to come, that this country will be the seat of a war, and even if it were, the census rolls could be of but little use for military purposes. Besides, in this supposed contingency it would not be a matter of much difficulty to find out a delinquent even if his name were not on the roll. We touch lightly on this idle fear, for in justice to the common sense of the country, we must say we are well aware that it would not be easy to find a locality where so pusillanimous a sentiment, which must needs spring from the grossest ignorance of every-day life, could be entertained.

But the fear of increased assessment and taxation, caused by the taking of the census, is, we regret to say, widely spread. To dispel this erroneous impression is a duty devolving upon all who exercise any influence over their fellow-countrymen. For this purpose it will be necessary to lay before them the impossibility of using the information which they may give, in a way detrimental to their interests, and the many advantages which must inevitably follow from a correct return. It will suffice to say that the different municipal grants for educational and other purposes, are apportioned according to population, thus:—

1st. The Common School Grant is divided between Upper and Lower Canada, according to the respective population of the two sections of the Province. One of the effects of the last census was, that Lower Canada actually received less than Upper Canada.

2ndly. Each school municipality receives its share of the school grant according to its population.

3rdly. Each school district receives its part of the municipal share according to the number of children of age to attend school.

4thly. The Act abolishing the Seigniorial tenure provides that after a certain lapse of time, the municipalities of every township shall be entitled to an indemnification to be distributed also according to proportion of population.