

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by order in council dated 22nd October, instant, (1883), to appoint Mr. Eusèbe Hallée, school commissioner, for the school municipality of Saint Donat, county of Rimouski, instead of the Rev. Antoine Leblanc, who has left the municipality.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by an order in council, dated 31st October last, (1883), to appoint Messrs. François Gagnon *dit* L'enfant and Moïse Bellemare, school commissioners for the school municipality of "Saint Justin," in the County of Maskinongé.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by an order in council dated this 13th November, instant, (1883), to appoint Mr. Irwin Cassidy, school trustee of the dissenting minority of the school municipality of "Pointe aux Trembles, in the County of Hochelaga.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by an order in Council, dated the 13th November, instant, (1883), to detach from the municipality of "Saint Albert" in the county of Arthabaska, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, of the eighth range of Warwick, lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the ninth range of Warwick, and lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of, of the tenth range of Warwick, and to annex them to the municipality of "Bulstrode," in the same county, for school purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL OF MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

SIR,—In your last issue containing the minutes of Proceedings of the Council of Public Instruction (26th September, 1883), I notice that the following resolution on motion of Dr. Matthews, seconded by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, was unanimously carried: "That, whereas the object sought for by the Government of this Province in the free scholarships in the High Schools of Quebec and Montreal would, in the judgment of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, be more surely gained than it is at present, if a number of these scholarships were placed at its disposal, to be awarded as prizes to such studious and meritorious boys in any of the schools of the Protestant Commissioners of these cities as may desire a higher education ;

"That, whereas these High Schools would, if this action were taken, become important factors in the Superior Educational System of the Province, since by placing within the reach of the children of the humbler among us educational advantages at present open only to the wealthier, it would link the rich and poor together, and this at no additional cost to the Government ;

"Therefore this committee respectfully asks the Government to place a number of these scholarships at its disposal for the purpose now stated."

The purpose which this resolution, has in view, is in the abstract both praiseworthy and desirable, and the request emanating as it does, from the highest Educational body of the Province should be treated with due respect. I would venture, however, to call attention to an important error which, in my opinion underlies the above resolution, and in this connection most respectfully to offer two remarks bearing on the case, which, I think, should receive proper consideration from the Protestant Committee before including in its resolution the High School of Montreal.

1. I am inclined to think that the principle on which the scholarships were originally founded, and which the Government in its presentation of them has kept in view, is eleemosynary rather than competitive, *i. e.* they were intended to be awarded not as intellectual prizes, linking together Primary and Secondary Education, but as a means of offering the highest