

shortening of the term of apprenticeship of graduates, without which, few students would enter on the University law course, is also made to depend entirely on the arrangements of the Council. In so far as the Protestant Universities are concerned, it is further to be observed that the constitution of the Council of the Bar in the Province of Quebec is such that it must always have a large majority of Roman Catholics, and that it might consist wholly of Roman Catholics. It thus appears that one of the most important educational privileges enjoyed by the Universities before Confederation has been removed from them, contrary to the spirit of their Royal Charters, and to the provision in that regard of the Act of Confederation, and transferred by Act of the Quebec Legislature to a body under the control of a Roman Catholic majority. We would be less disposed to make objection to this, were we of opinion that it is calculated to raise the educational standard of the profession ; but, for the reasons above stated, we believe it will have the contrary effect, and can only tend to the exclusion of educated men, more especially those of the English-speaking minority, from entering into the legal profession. A statement of the rights and privileges claimed by the University has been prepared for submission to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, which is expected to act in the matter on behalf of the Universities as well as of the secondary schools, which are also injuriously affected by the changes in question."

Current Events.

During the late visit of the Governor-General to Montreal, the authorities of McGill University presented him with an address of welcome on the occasion of his visit to that institution. As usual, his Excellency's reply was such as to win the hearts of his audience. He showed by his remarks that he was not only acquainted with the past history of the College, but that the interest he took in its affairs was almost as deep and kindly as that of a student in his *alma mater*. In expressing the pleasure it afforded him to meet the students of McGill, he said he was sure that they had one feeling in common with the students of our British uni-