

of the progress of the pupils in these schools; but some of them complain of the smallness of the teachers' salaries in many instances, and of the inefficiency caused thereby. The cost of inspection, judging from the tables given in this volume, seems to be smaller in proportion to the whole grant than in any country or state we are acquainted with. The total of the Inspectors' salaries for the entire Province is 19,300 dollars. We presume the inspection of the schools must be only annual, and that the Inspectors fulfil other functions; at least the number of schools (140 on the average) to each Inspector, and the smallness of the salaries, seem to warrant these conclusions.—*Irish Teachers' Journal, Dublin.*

Quebec Literary and Historical Society.

We are happy to hear that this institution has made the purchase of a magnificent collection of United States medals, executed in bronze, at the Washington Mint. As the dies and plates are invariably broken, once the medals are struck, these mementos of events, get more valuable by their scarcity year after year. We believe there have been but 500 of each of these medals struck; subjoined is a list. Antiquarians and others can see them on application to the keeper of the rooms, Mr. Mathieson.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEDALS—WASHINGTON MINT.

ARMY.

- 1 Washington before Washington.
- 2 Major-General Gates.
- 3 Col. Geo. Croghan—for Sandusky.
- 4 Major-General Harrison—for the Thames.
- 5 Gov. Isaac Thillby.
- 6 Major-Genl. Tatt—for Chippewa and Niagara.
- 7 Major-General Gaines—for Fort Erie.
- 8 Major-General Porter—Chippewa, Niagara, and Fort Erie.
- 9 Major-General Brown, do do.
- 10 Brig.-General Miller, Idem.
- 11 Brig.-General Ripley, Idem.
- 12 Major-General Macomb, Plattsburg.
- 13 Major-General Taylor.
- 14 " " Monterey.
- 15 " " Buena Visita.
- 16 Maj-Genl. Tatt, Vera Cruz, &c.
- 17 Maj-Genl. Grant, N. S., N. L. A.

NAVY.

- 18 John Paul Jones—Serapis,
- 19 Capt. Thos. Tington.
- 20 Cap. Hall—Capture of "Gueriere."
- 21 Capt. Jacob Jones—Capt. of "Frolic."
- 22 Capt. Decatur—Capture of "Macedonian."
- 23 Cap. Bainbridge—Capt. of "Java."
- 24 Capt. Lawrence, of "Peacock."
- 25 Lieut. McCall.
- 26 Capt. Perry, Capt. of British fleet, Lake Erie.
- 27 Capt. Warrington,—of "Eperokiet."
- 28 Capt. Blakeley, Capt. of "Reindeer."
- 29 Capt. Macdonough, Capt. fleet "Champlain."
- 30 Capt. Henley Idem.
- 31 Lieut. Cassin, Idem.
- 32 Capt. Biddle, Capt. of "Penguin."
- 33 Cap. Stuart, " " Cyaru."
- 34 Maj-Genl. A. Jackson.
- 35 Capt. Burrows.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS.

- 36 The Cabinet Medal
- 37 Thos. Jefferson.
- 38 James Madison.
- 39 James Munroe.
- 40 John Quincy Adams.
- 41 Andrew Jackson.
- 42 Martin Van Buren.
- 43 John Tyler.
- 44 James R. Polk.
- 45 Zachary Taylor.
- 46 Millard Filmore.
- 47 Franklin Pierce.
- 48 James Buchanan.
- 49 Abraham Lincoln.
- 50 Andrew Johnson.

SOLE NATIONAL MEDALS.

- 51 Capt. Percy—State of "Pennsylvania."
- 52 Missing.
- 53 Maj.-General Tatt.
- 54 Rescue of officers and crew, U. S. brig "Janus."
- 55 Capt. M. Graham rescue of Martin Kystice.
- 56 The Medal Shipwreck.
- 57 U. S. Coast Survey.
- 58 Japanese Embassy medal.
- 59 Dr. Fred. Ross—skill and humanity.
- 60 Col. Armstrong Indian Village.
- 61 Indian Race medal.
- 62 Capt. Creighton Low and Stufen.
- 63 Doctor Hossack.
- 64 Com. M. C. Perry, Boston.

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The Corporation of McGill University has great pleasure in acknowledging the following donations for the quarter ending October 25th, 1871, to the

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From the Edinburgh University; the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey; the Government of the Dominion of Canada; the Government of the Province of Quebec; Harvard College; the Revd. G. Patterson; the Revd. J. C. Murray; Dr. T. Serry Hunt; the McGill College Book Club, 191 vols.; Peter Redpath, Esq., 65 vols.; to the

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The Corporation

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Corporation be tendered to the McGill College Book Club, for the valuable donation of books recently made by it to the College Library; and the Corporation would take this opportunity to place on record their high appreciation of the important aid the Club is, by its constitution, fitted to render to the cause of literature, and learning, and to express their earnest desire that it may commend itself more widely to the favorable consideration and co-operation of all who desire to see that cause promoted. And, further, the Corporation, in their desire to see the College Library rendered as extensively useful as circumstances will permit, pledge themselves to afford all the facilities for its use that may be found conducive to this end.

Resolved,—That the Corporation have great pleasure in again tendering to Mr. Redpath their warmest thanks for the valuable addition now made by him to his former munificent gift of Books in the Department of English Literature; and they trust that a collection so complete and useful as this is will always prove a powerful stimulus to the prosecution of studies in the language and literature of the Mother Country, both to the students of the College and to the community at large.

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A MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

We take the following from the *Montreal Gazette* of the 11th inst.:

France has shown that she was not indifferent to the sympathies manifested towards her by Canada during the war. Some time ago, the Abbé Chabert, one of the Professors in the School of Design in connection with the Board of Arts and Manufactures, went to Paris to see his former Professors, men most distinguished in the world of art. He had during his visit an opportunity of meeting the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts, and to speak advantageously of the natural talent of the Canadians for those studies. His Excellency, on being thus informed, gave the Abbé Chabert to understand that he would be happy to place at the disposal of his school some treasures which the French Government possesses in its museums and libraries for instruction in design and sculpture.

The Abbé had to return in haste to Montreal, and some days after his arrival he received the following letter which speaks for itself:—