

ment of Quebec, by a direct vote of the Legislature, that is \$4,000 payable in two years. The sense of the meeting was in favor of this expenditure, and though the honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands gave a very non-committal expression of opinion on the subject, the Bishop of Quebec was so well satisfied with Mr. LYNCH's speech that he almost felt that the money had been voted. Mr. CHOUINARD read a most exhaustive paper on the functions of Geographical Societies in general, and read largely from various authorities in support of the position he assumed. Mr. DOBELL spoke well. We have seldom heard him to greater advantage, and it was easy to see that he was deeply interested in the question. The Mayor pretended to know very little of the subject immediately in hand, but he contrived to make a very good speech for all that, and dwelt for some time on the importance of the work which the Society had undertaken. Prof. LAFLAMME, F.R.S.C., of Laval University, spoke so well, that even gentlemen who understood French in a limited way, succeeded in getting the drift of his remarks without any trouble. Mr. LAFLAMME has been over the territory in the vicinity of Lake St. John, and has made some geological surveys of the district. He gave the audience an idea of the rocks to be found there, and though there were no carboniferous belts to describe, there might be valuable minerals in the great unexplored regions, which would yield their riches in time. Other speeches were delivered by Mr. J. G. Scott, of the Lake St. John Railway, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, Dr. HAMEL, F. R. S. C. and Rector Laval University, and Hon. W. W. LYNCH. After this the guests adjourned from labour to refreshment, and enjoyed a hearty repast which lasted about an hour and a half. We presume these reunions are monthly occurrences with the Geographical Society of Quebec, though of course that point was not brought out by the President.—*Quebec Chronicle*.

Protestant Board of School Commissioners, Montreal.—January Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held at the usual hour and place on Wednesday afternoon, 9th instant.

After the reading and the confirmation of the minutes, the hon. treasurer reported that he had received from the City Treasurer the school tax due for 1883, so far as it was possible to estimate it, except probably a small balance, and that he had renewed the insurance policy on the Royal Arthur School.

In the cadastration of the Logan's farm property, Mr. Stephens reported that the matter was being retarded in consequence of a misunderstanding with the department at Quebec, whereupon he was empowered to go to Quebec as representative of the Board in the matter.

The CHAIRMAN read a statement on the Pension Fund, which he had caused to be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the hope of placing the relations between the Board and Government in this respect upon a fair and intelligible basis.

The Rev. Drs. Norman and Stevenson were appointed a committee on