

a gentleman of both literary and professional experience, and possessed of an intimate acquaintance with the affairs of education.

The vacancy created by Principal Dawson's retirement from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, Montreal, has been filled by the appointment of Alderman Holland.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROGRESS IN HUNTINGDON, P. Q.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

We may say that the Educational pool in this section of the country is being frequently moved of late, and that the School authorities are successively stepping in with excellent results. It has been moved by the Superintendent's circular, and the Secretary's visit to such an extent that nearly the whole district adopted a uniform series of authorized text-books, which are now being rapidly introduced into our schools. Mr. Baird, the chairman of the School Commissioners of Ormstown, presented each of the eleven schools with a complete set of Gage's Readers as a prize. It has been moved by the scarcity of Teachers, and salaries in some instances have been raised from \$14 to \$20 per month. It has been moved by the establishment of Model Schools in three very important centres, Valleyfield, Ormstown and Hemmingford. The Valleyfield school has been in existence some years, conferring incalculable benefits on the residents; the Ormstown School, under Miss Nolan, though in its infancy, has already, we understand, taken the honorable position of standing first on the list of Model Schools in the province; for that of Hemmingford, with proper management and experienced teachers, we anticipate a brilliant career. As steel sharpens steel, it will be a pleasure to bring these three Schools together in order that one may sharpen the other.

It has been moved by reverses; and the Directors of the Huntingdon Academy have resolved that that institution shall flourish, and consequently they are making extensive repairs both inside and out; they have secured the services of an experienced Ontario teacher, Mr. Silvanus Phillips, B.A.; but, unfortunately, they consider the acquisition of the French language as an accomplishment instead of being, as it is, a necessity in this province; and, therefore, have placed it among those subjects for which an extra fee must be paid. This, we think, has driven many to the city for their education, who otherwise would have come to the Academy. And finally it is moved by the good sense, intelligence and humanity of the Commissioners and Trustees themselves, hence we find the country filling up with good and comfortable schoolhouses; we find a better class of teachers engaged and higher salaries paid; and, doubtless, we shall soon find the results gratifying to all interested in the welfare of the rising generation.

Yours,

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