

A new school of twenty-four classrooms is being built by Montreal Protestant School Commissioners, on St. Urbain Street, at a cost of \$200,000. The building will be fireproof and will have sloyd and cooking rooms as in the new Rosemount School. It will be ready in September.

Pupils in the Protestant schools of Montreal have increased by 1,950 since last year. The present figures show that the numbers have increased more than 100 per cent. during the last ten years.

#### SASKATCHEWAN.

*Special Courses for Teachers.*—The Department of Education is making arrangements for short courses for teachers during July and August at the College of Agriculture, Saskatoon, and at the Provincial Normal School, Regina. At the College, courses in nature study, school gardening and elementary agriculture will be given and at the Normal School a course in household science. Definite information respecting the courses and the dates will be announced at a later date.

The Department of Education of Saskatchewan is making every effort to see that increased attention is given in the schools of the province to school gardening and elementary agriculture, and also to household science wherever it is possible to do so.

Miss Fannie A. Twiss of Galt, Ont., has lately been appointed Director of Household Science for the province and has already entered upon her duties.

In connection with instruction in agriculture an Agricultural Instruction Committee has been appointed to advise on all matters pertaining to the scope and character of agricultural education in our Public, High, and Normal Schools. Efforts are being made by the committee to secure two competent supervisors of agricultural instruction in the schools of the province. They will have their headquarters at the Provincial Normal Schools at Regina and Saskatoon, and in addition to attendance at institutes and conventions, will be required to follow up the work of the teachers in their schools. The committee held its first meeting on February 2nd and a number of important matters were discussed. Among these may be mentioned the following: "Inspectors of schools to report specially to the Department of Education on the work of teachers in nature study and elementary agriculture. The necessity of boards of trustees paying more attention to the general condition and appearance of the school grounds and the desirability of withholding grants upon the advice of the inspectors of schools, to districts refusing to put their school grounds in proper condition.

"The holding of short summer courses at the Agricultural College, Saskatoon, for inspectors of schools and for teachers of science in Public, High, and Normal Schools. The advisability of employing the services