

teacher in the Point St. Charles School. An emergency meeting of the Board was summoned on Monday, 27th, to consider the educational crisis resulting from the failure of legislation in respect of the school tax of Montreal, and was attended by every member of the Board now in the country. After a close and careful reconsideration of the probable income of the Board for the ensuing year, it became evident that the present scale of expenditure cannot be maintained. It seemed impossible so to reduce the salaries of teachers, or to increase school fees, as to establish equilibrium of income and expenditure. It was therefore resolved to bring the matter under the notice of the parents of the pupils of the schools in a suitable manner, and to ask them to determine whether or not any schools shall be closed, and, if so, what schools, or to devise such practical action as may issue in keeping the schools open. To make it possible to follow such course as may be indicated by the public will, it was necessary for the Board to disembarass itself of all existing engagements. Accordingly the Secretary was instructed to give immediate notice to all concerned, that all appointments under the Board terminate on the 31st of August next, and that the Board will not hold itself bound to renew any one of them.

*Natural History Society, Montreal.*—At the annual general meeting of the above society, held May 18th, the following officers were elected:—President, Principal Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S. Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. DeSola, Mr. J. H. Joseph, Prof. P. J. Dorey, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, Major H. Latour, Rev. Canon Baldwin, Dr. Hingston, Prof. B. J. Harrington, and Mr. D. A. P. Watt; Recording Secretary, Prof. F. W. Hicks, M.A.; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. Baker-Edwards; Treasurer, Mr. G. L. Marler; Cabinet-Keeper and Librarian, Mr. William Muir; Council, Messrs. Thos. Craig, J. T. Donald, J. Bemrose, Dr. Osler, M. H. Brisette, John S. Shearer, G. Sumner and J. H. R. Molson; Library Committee, Messrs. A. Muir, J. Bemrose, J. S. Shearer and J. T. Donald; Editor of *Canadian Naturalist*, Mr. J. T. Donald.

*Oscar Wilde's Lecture.*—On Monday, May 15th, Oscar Wilde delivered the first of his long expected lectures in Montreal to a crowded and patient audience. Those who went to see the lion of the season were of course satisfied, but he had nothing to tell us that we had not heard before. The lecture as a whole was rambling and disconnected; the details, as for instance in regard to the tendrils of flowers, untrue to nature. His remarks upon education, though insisting on truths often forgotten, were only what Ruskin had said before.

*Art Association of Montreal.*—A meeting of the Art Association was held on May 19, in the Art Gallery, Mr. J. S. McLennan being announced to read a paper on "Etching." The paper was an