

their pupils in that language during the French class-work ; and the time is approaching when this plan will be adopted, not only in more of our English-Canadian schools but in the French-Canadian schools as well ; the plan of teaching a written language by means of a colloquial use of the same language in the school-room.

Current Events.

—The withdrawal of the Rev. Canon Norman from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of Montreal, incident to his appointment as Rector of the Quebec Cathedral, is recognized on all sides as a serious loss to the local educational interests of the great commercial capital. In the seeming rivalry between the two largest cities of our province, it is not always so evident, as it is in Canon Norman's removal to another sphere of labour, that Montreal's loss is Quebec's gain ; and we feel assured that the people of the " ancient capital," in recognition of the reputation which their new pastor brings with him from Montreal, will join with him in his schemes for the public good. Dr. Norman's successor at the School Board has already been named in the person of Archdeacon Evans.

—A short time ago we referred to the retirement of Dr. McCosh from the Principalship of Princeton College. We have now to chronicle the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, to the vacant post. In commenting upon the appointment, *Science* says :—"The choice is on all grounds to be warmly commended. Dr. Patton is still a young man, being but forty-five years of age, and has yet to put forth to their fullest extent his marvellous intellectual powers. We seriously question whether any college has a president of so high an intellectual stamp as Dr. Patton. His theological and philosophical learning is vast in extent, and rich in quality. Both with tongue and pen he is clear and incisive. His critical ability is unrivalled, and in his new position he will have ample opportunity to show whether or not he is equally strong in constructive and administrative power. To follow Dr. McCosh is a trying test for any one, but we feel sure that Dr. Patton will confer honor and credit both upon Princeton and upon himself in his administration."