

Teachers and others interested in education are urgently requested to suggest subjects which they may desire to have discussed, or upon which they are willing to contribute papers.

The Canadian Pacific, Vermont Central, and South-Eastern Railways will grant return tickets free to members; the Grand Trunk, tickets for one fare and a third to those who present, at starting, a certificate from the Secretary. Trains leave Dalhousie Square, Montreal, for Lachute, at 8.45 a. m. and 4.30 p. m.

As the homes of Lachute will be opened to teachers, the hotel and railway fares reduced, the work practical, the subjects of discussion weighty, and the results on the educational system of the Province permanent and far-reaching, it is earnestly hoped that all sections of the Province may be represented, and that especially the counsel and influence of those engaged in Higher Education, may not be wanting on this occasion.

FRED. W. KELLEY,
Secretary.

DISSENTIENTS.

The School Law of this Province provides that the real estate of a municipality shall be taxed for the education of the children of the municipality. Five School Commissioners, chosen by the inhabitants, are charged with the educational interests of the municipality, and are responsible for the carrying out of the school law. Owing to differences of language and of religious faith it is sometimes difficult for the School Commissioners to conduct their schools so as to meet the wishes of all classes of the rate-payers. In order to protect the rights of minorities, the law provides that when in any municipality the regulations and arrangements made by the School Commissioners for the conduct of any school are not agreeable to any number whatever of the inhabitants (*i. e.*, proprietors, occupants, tenants, or rate-payers) professing a religious faith different from that of the majority in such municipality, the inhabitants so dissenting may, collectively, signify such dissent, *in writing*, to the chairman of the Commissioners, and give in the names of three trustees chosen by them for the purpose of the School Act.

This is a very important privilege, and it involves very serious responsibilities for those taking advantage of it. The Protestant minority of this Province have naturally made very general use of this right of dissent, scattered, as they are, over sections